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ASSOCIATE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jer. vi. 16.

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MINUTES

Of the Associate Synod of North America, at their Meeting in the Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, October 7, 1835, and continued by adjournment, being their Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Hanna, Moderator.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Of the Presbytery of Albany.

MINISTERS.

James Martin,
Thos. Ferrier.*

RULING ELDER.

James Geery.

Of the Presbytery of Cambridge.

MINISTER.

James P. Miller.

Of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

MINISTERS.

Thomas Beveridge,
Alex'r. T. McGill.

Of the Presbytery of Miami.

MINISTERS.

Andrew Heron,
James Adams,
James Templeton,
Sam'l Wilson,
James Wallace,
Thomas Kendall.

RULING ELDER.

George C. Harper,
Thos. Rough,
John Liggett,
Joseph Hamil,
Sam'l Robinson.

Of the Presbytery of Muskingum.

MINISTERS.

John Walker,
Thos. Hanna,
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Joseph Clokey,
Andrew Isaac,
Sam'l Hindman,
David Lindsay,
Thomas Wilson,
S. Irvine,*
S. McLane.*

RULING ELDER.

John Pollock,
James Hanna,
Alexander McKitrick,
Thomas Jeffrey,
Matthew Taylor,
John Rankin,
Wm. Truesdale.*

Of the Presbytery of Ohio.

MINISTERS.

Daniel McLane, sen.
David Imbrie,
Isaac Beggs,
Matthew Snodgrass,
James P. Ramsay,
A. Murray,*
E. N. Scroggs,*
J. Donaldson,*
Wm. C. Pollock,*
Joseph Banks,*
Alexander Boyd,*

RULING ELDER.

Thomas Christie,

Those members whose names are marked thus, (*) were not present at the opening of Synod.

Thomas Roseburgh,
James Breden,
John Moore,
Thomas Robinson.

Of the Presbytery of Chartiers.

MINISTERS.

Dr. Ramsay,
Wm. Wilson,
Thomas Allison,
David French,
Alexander Wilson,
Alexander Donnan,
Wm. M. McElwee,
Bankhead Boyd,
J. Rodgers.*

RULING ELDERS.

James Pollock,
Joseph Brownlee,
John McNarey,
James Patterson,
Hanse Dunlop,
Samuel Livingston,

John Craig,
James Thome,
David Reid.*

Of the Presbytery of Alleghany.

MINISTERS.

J. Scroggs.
Robert Bruce, D. D.*
John France,*
D. Blair,*
J. McCaryl,*
John Hindman.*

RULING ELDERS.

Barnard Gilleland,
John Y. Stewart,
Nathaniel McKelvy,
John Wynkoop,*
James Hart,*
William Bell.*

Of the Presbytery of the Carolinas.

None.

Those members whose names are marked thus, [*] were not present at the opening of Synod.

The reading of the Minutes, was on motion, dispensed with, as they had been read and approved previous to publication.

The Synod agreed to have a recess till after public worship.

The Moderator having preached from Psalm lxxxiv. 22, [first clause,] "Arise O God, plead thine own cause," the Synod proceeded to business, and Mr. Clokey was chosen Moderator.

The following standing committees were appointed, viz :

Committee of Supplies.—Messrs. Martin, Miller, Beveridge, Templeton, Hanna, D. McLane, French and J. Scroggs.

Of Bills and Overtures.—Messrs. Adams, Walker and Donnan.

Of Arrangement.—Messrs. Martin and McElwee.

On the Funds.—Messrs. Hanna, Hamil and McNarey.

On the Theological Seminary.—Dr. Ramsay, and Messrs. Wm. Wilson and A. Wilson.

To Transcribe the Minutes.—Messrs. B. Boyd and Templeton.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, viz :

No. 1. A letter from the Rev. D. Gordon, containing his excuse for absence, which was sustained.

No. 2. A petition from the session of the congregation of Barnet, containing certain enquiries respecting the Synod's fast. This paper was on motion, referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

No. 3 & 4. Memorials from the sessions of Massies creek and Caesars creek on the subject of missions. Said memorials, were, on motion laid on the table, till the committee of Bills and Overtures report on the propriety of Synod adding to its standing committees, one on missions.

No. 5. Report of the Presbytery of Miami which was on motion referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures, and also that of Supplies.

Report of the Presbytery of Miami.

While there is doubtless, much to be deplored in that portion of the Church, committed to our care, we trust that we are not without evidence that the pleasure of the Lord is in some measure, prospering through our instrumentality. Through the good hand of our God, upon us, unanimity in a good degree prevails, ordinances are very generally attended with encouraging diligence ; in the eastern part of our boundaries, notwithstanding the drain by emigration, our numbers have been kept up, and in the west our congregations are greatly on the increase.

At the semi-annual meeting in the spring, Presbytery recommended it to the several ministers, to direct the attention of their respective congregations to the duty of public religious covenanting, instructing them in its nature, use, warrantableness and seasonableness, that they might be prepared for setting forward in the duty as soon as possible. It was also resolved, that as soon as the necessary preparations could be made Presbytery should appoint some convenient time and central place for such of our congregations as are contiguous to one another, to meet and renew our solemn covenant engagements.

According to the permission granted this Presbytery at the last meeting of Synod, it was agreed to take Mr. T. S. Kendall on trial, with a view to his ordination. The usual pieces of trial were received and he was solemnly ordained to the office of the holy ministry on the 26th Dec. A call on Mr. Kendall, from the united congregations of Pistol-creek, Big-spring and Fork-creek, has been made out and sustained, and by him accepted. Owing to the distance of these congregations from the other members of the Presbytery, the instalment of Mr. Kendall has not yet taken place.

In our last report it was stated that a call on the Rev. James Lyle, of the Presbytery of the Carolinas from the Associate Congregation of Bloomington, Indiana, had been sustained, by Presbytery, and forwarded to the Presbytery of Carolinas for presentation. We have heard nothing officially, respecting either it or Mr. Lyle since.

At a meeting of Presbytery on the 16th Dec. a petition was received from Carmel, and Clark branches of Mr. Henderson's charge for the whole of his time. No objection being offered by the other branches of his charge, Madison and Big-creek, the petition was granted. Thus two congregations, nearly ripe for a settlement, have been added to the list of our vacancies.

This season we have had under our care, two students of Theology, Mr. H. Walker and J. N. Lawhead. At our last meeting they delivered discourses before Presbytery, with great acceptance.

At the same meeting Mr. James Brown, a graduate of South Hanover College, was admitted as a student of Theology, and owing to particular circumstances in his case, he was permitted to prosecute his studies under the direction of Presbytery for the first year.

Mr. J. N. Lawhead, presented to us a request to be permitted to prosecute his studies under the direction of Presbytery, because of some particular circumstances in his case. His request was granted.

As liberal a portion of supply as can possibly be afforded is earnestly requested.

By order of Presbytery.

JAMES M. HENDERSON, Moderator.

ANDREW HERON, Presbytery Clerk.

Sept. 24th, 1835.

No. 6. Report of the Presbytery of Albany, which was on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

Report of the Presbytery of Albany.

There has no particular change taken place in any portion of our bounds since our last report to Synod, and the state of our congregations is not much different from what it was at that time. At the meeting of Presbytery in April, the Rev. David R. De Freest was convicted on his own confession, of repeated acts of intemperance, and was suspended from the office of the ministry and the communion of the church, till such time as the Presbytery may see cause to remove the sentence, either in whole or part. At the same meeting a call from the Associate Congregation of York, Livingston Co. N. Y. for Mr. John S. Easton, probationer, was sustained, and is herewith transmitted to Synod, for its disposition. The supply allotted to us at the last meeting of Synod, was all received with the exception of Mr. Thomas Wilson, who did not appear in our bounds, and thereby caused great disappointment and injury to our vacancies, especially in Upper Canada. But notwithstanding Synod's liberality, our vacancies have suffered generally for want of supply. Our brother, Mr. Irvine, has in Divine providence, been disabled from preaching for the last four months, and his health is but little, if any better. His congregation call loudly on Presbytery for supply, and as constant preaching is necessary in their circumstances, Presbytery hope Synod in allotting us our portion of supply, will take their case into consideration, as also that of the congregation of Newark, N. Jersey, who have been petitioning Presbytery for some time, for constant supply. Their location being in a populous place, seems to render constant preaching necessary to their eventual success. Taking these circumstances into consideration Presbytery hope that Synod will see the necessity of sending them as large a portion of supply as practicable. We take this method of expressing our gratitude to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, for sending supply to the second congregation in New York, at a time that this Presbytery had it not in their power. Notice has been received from Messrs. Russell and Strang, of their intention to petition Synod to be dis-

joined from this and to be erected into a new Presbytery. Presbytery agreed to concur in this petition, and as no line of division between the Presbyteries was mentioned in the notice, would propose one running north and south through Cayuga Lake, in the state of New York, as a suitable boundary. The case of a member of this Presbytery who had brought a civil suit against a member of the church, and a student under our care, for an alleged slander on his moral and ministerial character, being under consideration, the following resolution was on motion, adopted. "That it is censurable according to the word of God and the discipline of this church for a minister of the gospel to enter a civil suit against a member of his own communion, for a supposed injury to his moral character, without having first submitted the matter to the adjudication of the appropriate church court." Against this decision Messrs. Stark and Bullions protested, for reasons to be given in, which together with the answers are respectfully submitted to Synod, for their adjudication. Mr. Samuel McArthur, who had been under our care during the past year, and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of Presbytery, has taken his dismissal and left our bounds with a view of attending the Hall. He is a student of two years standing.

By order of the Presbytery.

JOHN G. SMART,
Clerk.

The excuse of Mr. Wilson for the failure in the fulfilment of appointments alluded to in the above report was heard and sustained.

No. 7. A communication from the Associate Synod of Original Seceders, in Scotland, which was on motion, laid on the table.

No. 8. The report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, accompanied with a communication from the Rev. A. Anderson, relative to certain funds belonging to the Synod. These papers were on motion referred to the committee on the funds, and also that of bills and overtures.

Report of the Presbytery of Cambridge.

The Associate Presbytery of Cambridge Report—That the order of Synod, at their last meeting, to this Presbytery, in the case of Dr. Bullions, has been fulfilled.

An appeal to Synod has been taken by the Rev. D. Gordon, from a decision of this Presbytery, in a case of the Rev. D. Stalker, as accompanying papers will show.

Two petitions were laid into Presbytery at their present meeting, which Presbytery agreed to refer to Synod, simpliciter for decision, and are herewith transmitted.

On application to this Presbytery for supply of gospel ordinances, by some people residing in Essex county of this state, Mr. D. Gordon was sent to them, and into the adjacent parts of the country for six sabbaths. Mr. Gordon reports promising prospects in some of the places where he had been, and particularly in Essex county, and in Lower Canada. Presbytery anxious to cultivate this field of missionary labor, earnestly solicit supply from Synod, and believe they can employ the whole time of one missionary till next meeting of Synod.

Presbytery would respectfully and earnestly call the attention of Synod to the alarming influence and progress of Popery at present, in these United States. Not only is Popery on the increase in this country, but it is susceptible of decisive proof that this increase is under the fostering care of an association in Europe, extensive and powerful, hostile to our civil institutions and to our religion, and organized chiefly for the purpose of giving Popery the ascendancy in these United States, both in church and state. According to the success of that association for years past; under their present measures, the extent of their means, and the system and energy with which they employ them; under the preparation for the reception and prevalence of Popery with us, no doubt, in many cases, undesignedly made, by the anti-christian liberality of the churches in this country, by the infidelity and apathy on religious principles, practices and privileges, among the people in general, by their employment of Popish instruction and discipline for their youth, by the partiality already shown by some of our civil authorities in favor of Roman Catholic Seminaries; and under the political corruption and intrigue which is prevalent at present, we have reason to fear that before many years elapse, we may, in the righteous judgment of God, be called under the connivance of civil authorities, if not under legal enactments, to submit to idolatrous prescriptions, and to testify against them at the expense of property, liberty and life.—Whatever, within the limits of the power of an ecclesiastical court, can be done to oppose this threatened evil, should be done speedily.

A. ANDERSON, Presbytery Clerk.

North Argyle, Sept 9th, 1835.

An excuse was offered for the absence of the Rev. Jas. Irvine, and sustained. And at his request he was released from the appointment given him last year to draught a Synodical Warning against Popery, and, on motion, Messrs. Anderson and Miller, were appointed to the performance of that duty.

On motion, resolved, that a part of to-morrow forenoon sitting be appropriated to the exercises of praise and prayer, and Messrs. Kendall and Thos. Wilson were appointed to lead in the exercises.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Closed with prayer.

Thursday, October 8th.

After the exercises of praise and prayer, the Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Members present as above, together with Messrs. A. Murray, E. N. Scroggs, J. Donaldson, Wm. Pollock and Joseph Banks, ministers, of the Presbytery of Ohio; Mr. Rodgers, minister, and David Reid, ruling elder, of the Presbytery of Chartiers; Messrs. Blair and J. M'Caryl, ministers, and Messrs. John Wynekoop and James Hart, ruling elders, of the Presbytery of Alleghany; Mr. Thomas Ferrier, minister, from the Presbytery of Albany; Mr. S. Irvine, minister, and Mr. Truesdale, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Muskingum.

The minutes of last sitting being read, Mr. Templeton was at his own request released from the committee to transcribe the minutes, and Mr. S. Wilson was appointed in his room.

On motion Mr. Heron was added to the committee on the Theological Seminary. Mr. Hanna was appointed assistant clerk. The committee of arrangement reported, and their report being amended was adopted as follows, viz:

Report of the Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements respectfully report—

That they find as unfinished business the consideration of the answers to reasons of protest in the case of the original seceders, and would recommend to Synod to take up the same, and other unfinished business, in its order, as soon as possible. And that all other matters be taken up in the order in which they are presented, unless otherwise ordered by special motion.

The papers mentioned in the report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, as reported to Synod by said Presbytery, for decision, were read. Said papers consisted of petitions from certain individuals, viz: William Livingston and wife, and George Arnot, to be disjoined from the congregation of Cambridge. These petitions were, on motion, referred to a select committee, and Dr. Ramsay and Mr. Donnan were appointed said committee.

Papers being called for these was given in and read,

No. 9. The Report of the Presbytery of Carolinas. While the disposal of said report was under discussion, the Synod adjourned till half past two o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted with prayer. Members present as above, together with Mr. John Hindman, minister of the Presbytery of Alleghany. Read the minutes of last sitting. Proceeded with the business left unfinished in the forenoon, viz: the disposal to be made of the report of the Presbytery of the Carolinas. After some discussion the report was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Miller, Adams, and Walker. The report is as follows:

Report of the Presbytery of the Carolinas.

The report of the Presbytery of the Carolinas, might be made up of extracts from former reports. In our communication of 1823, we said that, "A prominent feature

of the church under the care of this Presbytery, is a general and ardent desire of divine ordinances. Calls for the distribution of the bread of life are loud and frequent. But alas! these urgent petitions can seldom be granted. The paucity of our ministers, (at this time 1835, two, where lately there were eight) and the disproportionate number of vacancies render frequent supplies impossible, even while our settled congregations generously yield a large proportion of their time to their destitute brethren. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers few. This is emphatically true in our case."

This representation which was true in our case twelve years ago, is more emphatically so at present. We have also occasion to adopt, as applicable to the present time, the report sent up to synod nineteen years ago, and so frequently renewed in your hearing. In this we say, "The Presbytery entertain a grateful sense of the disposition manifested by the Rev. Synod at their last session to assist them in contributing to the necessities of their vacant congregations. They have *again*, however, to express their strong regret that they have derived no benefit from the provision made. To what cause this is to be attributed they are destitute of the means of ascertaining, no communication having been received either from the individuals appointed or others, but if it shall be found to have arisen from disobedience to orders, they entreat the Rev. Synod to adopt measures to cause their authority to be better respected."

In the next report to Synod, speaking on this same subject, the Presbytery say, "We cannot avoid remonstrating with earnest solicitude and entreat the Rev. Synod to adopt a speedy and effectual remedy for an evil of which they have had so much and so frequent reason to complain. Of thirty-three months appropriated by the Rev. Synod, but two weeks' service have been received (in our case, at this time, of seven months granted, which is not the tenth part of what we could take and were wont to enjoy, not a single day has been put in.) A delinquency so enormous could not fail to produce most injurious effects. Independent of the positive aid, of which it has deprived us, and from which the most salutary effects might have been expected, it tends to destroy confidence and create despondency. They respectfully suggest, that it would be proper for the Rev. Synod, to enquire whether any of the Presbyteries be so inattentive to good order and so regardless of synodical authority, and so indifferent to the friendly relations that they should maintain with the other Presbyteries, as to connive at these irregularities—whether they advise or even permit the probationers to alienate their services from the Presbyteries to which the Synod had appointed them and to officiate in their churches in violation of their appointment."

It is painful to the Presbytery year after year to have occasion to represent to Synod that the preachers appointed to supply in their bounds, seem to account it a matter of indifference whether they fulfil their appointment or not. Neither Messrs. Pollock nor M'Gill came agreeably to appointment, nor communicated to Presbytery any reason or excuse for not coming. It is hoped the Synod will not overlook such insubordination, and if they find it inexpedient or impracticable to enforce their appointment, devise some other mode of providing supply for vacancies. It is altogether at variance with the solemn vows which Preachers of the Gospel come under, to assume the right to shape their course, where inclination or convenience invite, or to alienate their services from that portion of the church to which they have been appointed; by the promise of an individual or Presbytery to assume the responsibility. It is altogether at variance with the rules of our church for Presbyteries to permit, with approbation, probationers to preach steadily in their churches while under appointment elsewhere. And it is altogether at variance with the profession of Presbyterian Church Government for the Synod to tolerate a system of independency. Delinquencies, such as that of which we complain, though none manifesting greater outrage upon the rights of Presbytery and people, have been frequent of late years. The Synod have passed over lightly the offence, or remitted the case of offenders, to Presbyteries, and possibly the very Presbyteries who have enjoyed the services of the delinquents, and who are therefore inclined to judge favorably of the offence. No more enquiry is made by Synod, and consequently this remissness generates indifference. We think the case of the delinquents of whom we complain peculiarly aggravated, by the consideration that they were the only supplies appointed to the these bounds; that but three months or so of supply had been received for three years, and that ten vacancies at least are entirely dependent upon the services of one of your ministers, who has two congregations to whom he stately ministers. To run counter to the express authority of Synod, under such peculiar circumstances as these, requires reasons, of the validity of which, we hope the Synod itself will judge, or if remitted to Presbyteries, require the recorded excuses with the judgment of Presbytery thereon, to be sent up to next meeting.

The people in this region of country have year after year through the proper organ, besought the Synod to send them supply of preaching, and notwithstanding the sudden removal of their pastor, and the almost total destitution of ordinances for three years, the most of the congregation continue steadfast and look to us for supply. There are but few slaves among them, in some of them none at all. We are far from thinking they have put away the Gospel from them, judging themselves unworthy of eternal

life. We therefore urge immediate attention to their wants, and beseech the Synod to relax that rigor which appears to have been exercised of late years. To those of you who live remote from destitution, the care of this people may not appear so mournful as to those of us who are familiar with their wants. We hope the members of Synod will come up to this part of their duty with a proper spirit, feeling, as they ought, for other's woes, and make the case of this part of the church, which is afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted, their own. Neither of the ministers composing this Presbytery is tied down to this region of country for a living. But while providence has fixed our lot here, and we continue to be the medium of communication with the Synod, we cannot, without a violation of conscience, cease to urge the claims of this portion of Zion. The congregations of Smyrna and Neiley's Creek, S. C., and Cambridge, and N. Stirling, N. C., have made arrangements for taking the whole time of a special missionary from Synod. We hope the Synod will make a special appointment for their case as well as grant other supplies so earnestly sought, and so imperiously demanded by this portion of Zion. The congregation of Lebanon also transmit to you a petition of like import, to which we beg leave to call the immediate attention of Synod. Immediately upon the rising of Synod, would be the most suitable time for supplies. A succession, so as to have some constantly in the bounds, would be greatly desirable.

With respect to the subject of slavery, the Synod is already in possession of the views of this Presbytery. We agree with your committee, Messrs. Murry and Blair, sent out in 1820, that "To declaim against the principle of slavery and urge the immediate emancipation of slavery, without considering what is to be done for them, in their present state, has not, we believe, one salutary consequence; the blessing of christianity must be offered them, in their present situation; and it will be found as they advance in the attainment of christianity, throughout the community, so they will advance toward a general emancipation."

We have seen with joy the rise, and have hailed with gratitude the progress of a revolution in church and state, on the subject of the right and privileges of the colored population both in Virginia and North Carolina. We pray that no unhallowed spirit, from the soil of freedom, may arise, to blast it.

On the subject of the statistical table, it might be well enough to drop the congregations of Bethany and Pisgah, S. C., and Gilead, N. C. They have not made any formal petition for supply. It was mentioned in our last report that the Rev. J. Lyle had obtained a dismission from this Presbytery, to connect himself with that of Miami. He removed from these bounds in October, 1834.

A. WHYTE, Moderator.

Rockbridge, August 3, 1835.

The following papers were given in and read, viz :

No. 10. A petition from the session of New Lebanon congregation, in Virginia, for supply of Gospel ordinances, which was, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

Messrs. Pollock and McGill were called upon for their reasons for the non-fulfilment of appointments complained of in the report of the Presbytery of the Carolinas. Their excuses being heard were sustained.

No. 11. The report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, which was, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

Report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

We have had less reason than for some years past, to complain of failure in the supplies allotted us by the Synod and the Board of Managers. The only considerable failure happened, however, when we were least prepared to meet it. In consequence of this the congregation of Baltimore was left vacant three months, with the exception of two Sabbaths' supply by a member of the Presbytery. Calls were sustained for the Rev. A. T. McGill, from the congregations of Carlisle, Dickinson and Wheatfield; from Lewistown, Kishacoquillas and Stone Valley; and from Baltimore. The decision being referred to the Presbytery, it was agreed that Mr. McGill should accept of the call to Carlisle, Dickinson and Wheatfield. After the usual trials he was accordingly ordained to the ministry and pastoral care of the said congregations, on the 29th ult. A call is also sustained to Lewistown and branches, for Mr. William Galbraith, and it is the earnest desire of the congregation and Presbytery, that he should be appointed to continue with us for some time, that they may have an opportunity of presenting to him this call. The settlement of Mr. D. McGill, and the prospect of the settlement of Mr. Galbraith at Lewistown, have very much revived the hopes of these congregations, and we trust that the Lord may be about to build up among us some of the old waste places. We hope that the Synod will make provision for the constant supply of Baltimore. If our anticipations be realized, this will be nearly all the supply which will be necessary.

By order of Presbytery.

T. BEVERIDGE, Moderator, pro. tem.

No. 12. The report of D. Murphy, Treasurer, at Philadelphia, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on the funds.

<i>Daniel Murphy, in account with Synod in</i>		May 21, to cash from dividends on 22 shares	
<i>Synod's Fund,—</i>		Commercial Bank stock,.....	44 00
<i>Dr.</i>		Nov. 16, to cash from dividends on 22 shares	
September 18, 1835, to cash from Steel Creek		Commercial Bank stock,.....	44 00
congregation, N. C. per Rev. A. Whyte,...	\$10 00	May 17, 1834, to cash on dividends on 22	
To cash from Bethany congregation, N. C.		shares Commercial Bank stock,.....	44 00
per A. Whyte,.....	10 50	Nov. 25, to cash from dividends on 22 shares	
To cash from Timber Ridge, Ebenezer and		Commercial Bank stock,.....	44 00
Old Providence, Va. per Rev. A. Whyte,...	17 20	May 23, 1835, to cash from dividend on 22	
		shares Commercial Bank stock,.....	49 50
	\$37 70		
<i>Daniel Murphy, in account with Synod in</i>			\$264 00
<i>Student's Fund,—</i>		<i>Daniel Murphy in account with Synod in</i>	
<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Missionary Fund,—</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
Jan. 1, 1833, to cash from dividends on 22		To balance in hand as per last report,....	\$40 49
shares Commercial Bank stock,.....	\$38 50		

The above is a correct report of the state of the Synod's, Student's and Missionary Funds, the Theological Hall Fund accounts remain balanced as heretofore reported.

DANIEL MURPHY, Assistant Treasurer.

Philadelphia, September 22, 1835.

No. 13. The report of Mr. H. H. Blair of the western mission, which was, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

To the Associate Synod to meet at Canonsburgh, the first Wednesday of October, 1835, is presented the following report:—

BRETHREN—Six Sabbaths intervened between your missionary's receiving his appointment, and reaching the first vacancy properly belonging to the mission, which he spent separately in the duties appropriate to his calling, at Pittsburgh, Cadiz, Massie's Creek, Xenia, Louisville, and on board the Steamboat under weigh. He reached Unity, Randolph County, Illinois, the last Sabbath of November, where at that time he remained four Sabbaths in succession. Thence he removed to Apple Creek, Green County. At which place he spent four Sabbaths also: three, during his first visit, and one, after spending three at Buffalo, and one at Sharon, your vacancies in Pike and Lincoln Counties, Missouri. The six remaining Sabbaths included in his appointment, were employed, one at McCoy's, near Jacksonville; another at Montgomery's, Forks of Shoal, Bond County; and a third, at Sugar Creek, Madison County. The last three were occupied at Unity, the first and last place visited in the mission.

In addition to his attending to the exercises expected of him on all these Sabbaths, he might state that he was engaged in public services on several week days, and attended to the Synod's fast in two of the vacancies, but owing to the shortness of his time, and the urgent demands of the places heretofore visited, he did not leave the beaten track. The state of the country, and particularly of your vacancies in the far West, may be learned from the report contained in your last minutes, and their increased desire for the stated administration of word and sacraments at present, may be gathered from the petition at this time to be laid before you, and the great liberality manifested toward your last missionary. Not in the Valley of the Mississippi alone, but throughout the bounds already occupied by your church, throughout the world, the wants of men, the combined efforts of hell and earth, and above all, your solemn Covenant Engagements before God, angels and men, demand of you more than of any church in the United States, at present, a more united, vigorous, and godlike exertion, not only to maintain but propagate the grand doctrines of the Reformation, "The faith once delivered to the saints." To accomplish which, may the God of all grace pour out upon us, one and all, not the spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of a sound mind.

Respectfully submitted to the Associate Synod in session, by

HUGH H. BLAIR.

Your missionary received for the time spent previous to his entering the mission, what he considered a sufficient compensation, and within \$4.50 of the customary allowance whilst there, as will appear from the annexed account.

Synod to H. H. Blair, Dr. for 12 Sabbaths,	\$103 00
Received of Unity Congregation,	\$42 00
" of Synod's Fast,	4 25
" of individuals,	7 25
" Apple Creek,	24 00
" Sharon, Missouri,	5 75
" Buffalo, do.	9 25
" Mr. McCoy, Illinois,	8 00
" Forks of Shoal, do.	7 60
" Sugar Creek, do.	1 00
Amount received,	\$103 50
Balance due, but donated to the funds,	\$4 50

In connection with this there was presented an account of the Rev. John Wallace, for missionary services rendered on the western mission. This account was, on motion, referred to the committee on the funds.

No. 14. A communication from the Rev. A. Anderson, declining the acceptance of the professorship to which he was elected last year. This communication was, on motion, referred to the committee on the Theological Seminary.

No. 15. The report of the Presbytery of Muskingum, which was, on motion, referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

Report of the Presbytery of Muskingum.

In presenting to Synod our annual report, it becomes us to record, with gratitude, the great goodness of God to us during the past year, in granting us peace and prosperity, and an increase of ministerial aid. Our vacancies have been favored with a reasonable portion of supply, and some of them have obtained a settled dispensation of Gospel ordinances. Mr. D. Lindsay was ordained and installed Pastor of the associate congregations of Jonathan's Creek, Truro and Goshen, on the 26th Nov. last.

A call from the congregations of Carmel, Sandy and North Union, for Mr. Thomas Wilson, has been sustained, although Mr. Wilson was not by Synodical appointment in our hands at the time of sustaining this call, yet being providentially detained, we judged it expedient to present said call, which was accepted, and after giving the usual trials with acceptance, he was ordained and installed Pastor of those congregations, on the 16th September last. A call from the congregation of Millersburgh, for a part of the ministerial labors of the Rev. Samuel Irvine, has been sustained and accepted. Mr. Irvine was accordingly disjoined from the congregation of Wooster, and is now the settled Pastor of Millersburgh and Salt Creek. Since that time, the congregations of Wooster, Newman's Creek, Mohican and Killbuck, have given a call for Mr. John S. Eaton, which has been sustained, and is herewith transmitted to Synod, with a request that it may be presented as soon as practicable for acceptance.

Before closing our report, Presbytery would beg leave respectfully to call the attention of Synod to the question now agitated respecting the testimony of the original seceders in Scotland.

It is well known that doubts exist in the minds of several members of Synod, as to the agreement of that testimony in some important particulars, with our own acknowledged principles, and it is also believed, that in some instances, these doubts have, of late, been much strengthened. As a means of removing their apprehensions, and promoting harmony among ourselves, we respectfully ask Synod to suspend, for the present, all further judicial procedure, in relation to the act, declaring a union with the original Seceders, and open a correspondence with those brethren, on those points in which there is, at least, a supposed discrepancy of views. We therefore suggest the propriety of appointing a committee for this purpose, who shall specify the articles in their testimony to which exceptions have been taken, and request them, by farther explanation, to show that we are *one* in sentiment. This suggestion we make with due deference to the wisdom of Synod.

Messrs. John M. French and William Smith, graduates of Franklin College, have been admitted to the study of divinity and are expected to attend the Hall the ensuing session.

By order of the Presbytery.

THOMAS HANNA, *Presbytery Clerk.*

No. 16. A petition from the Rev. Messrs. Strang and Russell, of the Presbytery of Albany, for the erection of a new Presbytery. The petition was accompanied with the excuses of these brethren for absence, which were sustained. On motion the prayer of the above petition was granted, and it was, on motion,

Resolved, That a new Presbytery be erected to be denominated, "The Presbytery of Stamford," and to consist of Messrs. Russell and Strang, together with all the territory beyond the boundary line proposed in the report of the Presbytery of Albany. Said Presbytery to hold its first meeting at Stamford, on the 3d Thursday of November next, and Mr. Russell to preside at said meeting as moderator.

On motion, Resolved, That the Presbytery of Albany be directed to transfer to said Presbytery of Stamford, all documents in their hands that concern said Presbytery.

On motion, Resolved further, That said Presbytery of Stamford be al-

lowed their proportion of any funds belonging to the Presbytery of Albany.

The communication containing the above petition was also, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

No. 17. A petition from Sharon York District, S. C., for a supply of Gospel ordinances. This petition was, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

No. 18. A petition from Thomas Gillespie, of Bucyrus, in the State of Ohio, for a supply of Gospel ordinances by the stated labors of a missionary for one year. This petition was, on motion, referred also to the committee on supplies.

No. 19. A remonstrance from the session of Caesar's Creek congregation, against the Synod's late enactment on the subject of marriage, which was, on motion, laid on the table. The majority of the committee of bills and overtures presented a report on the question submitted by the session of the Barnet congregation, and also on the report of the Presbytery of Miami.

The minority of the committee offered a counter report, both of which were, on motion, laid on the table, with the exception of a recommendation, in which all the committee concurred, that Synod should appoint a standing committee on the subject of missions. The recommendation was agreed to, and Messrs. Isaac, Adams and Beveridge were appointed said committee.

Papers relative to an appeal by the Rev. D. Gordon, alluded to in the report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, were given in, and on motion, laid on the table.

Presbyterial records being called for, the following committees of examination were appointed, viz:—To examine the records of the Presbytery of Miami, Messrs. Imbrie and Beggs—to examine the records of the Presbytery of Muskingum, Messrs. Blair and E. N. Scroggs—of Ohio, Messrs. J. Scroggs and S. Hindman—of Chartiers, Messrs. Lindsay and Irvine. The clerk of the Presbytery of Alleghany not being present the appointment of a committee to examine the minutes of said Presbytery, was deferred.

Enquiry being made of the several ministers respecting their observance of the Synod's fast, it was found to have been generally observed. The excuses of a few who had not observed it were sustained, with the exception that Mr. Blair's reasons for its non-observance, and those of Mr. Adams', for omitting the public reading of Synod's act for fasting, were not sustained. Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Closed with prayer.

Friday, October 9.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above, together with Mr. S. M' Lane, minister. Read the minutes of last sitting. Papers being called for the following were given in and read, viz:—

No. 20. A memorial from the Presbytery of Miami on the subject of missions. Said memorials, together with the memorials from the sessions of Massie's Creek and Caesar's Creek, was, on motion, referred to the committee on missions.

The Presbytery of Alleghany requested the privilege of deferring the presentation of their report till the afternoon; the request was granted.

No. 21. The report of the Presbytery of Ohio, which was, on motion, referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

Report of the Ohio Presbytery.

As directed by Synod, we, at our meeting in Poland, in November last, presented

the calls referred to us to Mr. Ramsay, when he accepted the one from Deer Creek congregation, and having passed the usual trials, was ordained and installed in that charge on the 1st of July.

A call has been sustained by our Presbytery for Mr. Pollock, from the united congregations of Harmony and Unity, and having given in his trials was ordained and admitted to the charge of these congregations on the 27th of May.

A meeting of our Presbytery took place at Scroggsfield, assisted by Messrs. Walker, Hanna and Clokey, as directed by Synod, on the 9th of December last, when the case of the difficulties existing between Mr. Donaldson and the members of his charge, was taken up and discussed; and the matter has terminated in the application of Mr. Donaldson for dismissal from his charge. This application was sustained by our Presbytery, and the connection between Mr. Donaldson and the united congregations of Yellow Creek, Scroggsfield and Glade Run, been dissolved by Presbytery, and these places have been declared vacant accordingly, and Mr. Donaldson is by us considered without charge.

It has been resolved in our Presbytery, to make application to Synod for a division of the members into two Presbyteries, for the greater convenience of managing the government of the church; to be divided by a line commencing on Lake Erie, and following the state line until it intersects the western branch of Big Shenango, thence down Shenango to Newcastle, from thence east on the line between Beaver and Mercer Counties, and so on until it intersects with Alleghany Presbytery. The south-western part to retain the original name of Ohio Presbytery, and the north-eastern part to be constituted under the name of the Shenango Presbytery.

In our address of last year, we submitted a report upon the cause now pending in your court, respecting our connection with the Original Seceders. To this report we still adhere; as then we would highly deprecate the consequences arising from unfriendly litigations among our members, upon this or any other subject; as we then, so we still solicit Synod to institute such correspondence with that Synod, as might enable us to know for mutual satisfaction the sentiments of that Synod upon the subjects of disputation or misunderstanding, and as the decision of Synod upon the protest, and appeals before us might materially affect their standing with us, either one way or other, we would respectfully submit to Synod, the propriety of suspending, for the present, the prosecution of the subject, to make way for that correspondence; and that in the mean time it be fully understood that all their members claiming ministerial and christian fellowship with us, be admitted upon their adoption of our testimony.

Upon the subject of slavery, as formerly, we again come forward soliciting Synod to take due order that the act of Synod upon that subject in 1831, be carried into effect. And as it is evident the part of that act which recommended the appointment of an agent to transact that business, is not likely to facilitate measures with any prospect of success; it is our opinion, that part of the Synod's act ought either to be repealed or some way connected with or superceded by some other measures which might be efficient to secure the rights of justice and humanity to all the slaves belonging to the members of our communion.

On the subject of religious covenanting and other measures connected with the prosecution of that work as we have often solicited the attention of Synod, it is still to that body we look up for such directions and injunctions as may be calculated to strengthen our hands in this work of the Lord.

A call for Mr. Easton has been sustained in the united congregations of Glade Run, Scroggsfield and Yellow Creek, which is now referred to Synod, and to which, on behalf of the members of these congregations, we earnestly solicit your attention; from the difficult situation in which they stand under present circumstances, a supply of preaching is required as far as can be given.

DANIEL M'LEAN, *Moderator.*

Attest ALEXANDER MURRAY, *Clerk.*

No. 22. The report of the Presbytery of Chartiers, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

Report of the Presbytery of Chartiers.

No material change in any of our congregations, settled or vacant, has taken place since the last meeting of Synod. On the eighth of July last, we licensed Messrs. D. Strang, William Galbraith and George Hall, to preach the Gospel. Mr. Strang has been ever since in our bounds, and his labors, so far as we have learned, are very acceptable to our people. The few vacancies which we have under our charge are urgent for supply of preaching. We hope, therefore, that Synod in the distributions of the time of their probationers, will remember us.

J. RAMSEY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

No. 23. A petition from the congregations of Glade-run and Scroggsfield, in the Presbytery of Ohio, praying for a new organization and a

change of name. This petition was, on motion, laid on the table. Verbal information was given of a petition which had been forwarded from certain congregations on the western mission, praying for a stated supply for one year, and particularly that Mr. H. H. Blair be again sent among them, which petition the clerk had forgotten to bring up. Said petition was, on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

Messrs. S. Hindman and M'Elwee, were, on motion, added to the committee of supplies. The committee of Bills and Overtures presented a report on that portion of the report of the Presbytery of Muskingum which regarded the Associate Synod of Original Seceders. This report was, on motion, laid on the table. The Synod proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business in accordance with the report of the committee of arrangements as adopted. The committee appointed some years ago to answer Mr. Walker's reasons of dissent from the Synod's deed respecting the baptism of wards, were called on for their report, but not being ready were ordered to be prepared before the adjournment of Synod.

The committee on the Book of Discipline were called upon, and not being prepared were ordered to be ready during the sitting of Synod.

The Committee appointed last year to answer Mr. Heron's Reasons of Protest against the Synod's enactment on the subject of marriage, craved further time, which was granted till this afternoon.

Entered on the subject of the Synod's act respecting our union with the Associate Synod of Original Seceders in Scotland. Reasons of Protest against said deed as published by order of Synod last year were read. Before proceeding to read the committee's Answers to said Reasons, the Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

2 O'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above, together with Mr. Alex. Boyd, from the Presbytery of Ohio. Read the minutes of last sitting.

The committee on the Theological Seminary presented a report, which on motion, was adopted.

Your committee have had Mr. Anderson's letter under consideration, and are of opinion that as he declines accepting the Professorship, it would be altogether inexpedient and improper for the Synod to require him to officiate in that department the ensuing winter, although he expresses a willingness to do so, should Synod so order. At the same time we think that the interests of the Seminary require that the chair should be speedily filled. We would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Synod proceed without delay to the election of a Professor. Believing that the Synod will at once see the necessity of this measure at an early period of the session, we think we need not specify the reasons which lead us to this conclusion.

JAS. RAMSAY.
WM. WILSON.

On motion the election of a professor contemplated in the above report was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The committee on the reference from the Presbytery of Cambridge, presented a report, which was on motion adopted, as follows.

As to the reference from the Presbytery of Cambridge, your Committee report that as the Session of Cambridge is not heard, as we know not the local situation of the families petitioning for disjunction, and while there is a standing rule of Synod that geographical lines shall determine the boundaries of congregations, we cannot see that Synod, with any propriety, can in present circumstances, grant what petitioners ask. It seems a little strange that Presbytery should have referred to Synod for judgment a matter so destitute of documents upon which to form a judgment.

ALEX. DONNAN.
JAS. RAMSAY.

Proceeded with the business left unfinished in the forenoon, viz: the reading of the committee's answers to the reasons of protest in the case

of the original Seceders. After the reading was finished the following resolutions were offered, in order to issue the matter, viz :

Resolved, That the Synod adopt the answers to the reasons of protest against our continuing in union with the Synod of original Seceders, so far as to declare them to be a sufficient vindication of their act.

Resolved, Farther, that as the Synod have not adopted the testimony of their brethren, as their own, or declared their concurrence with it, further than not finding a difference between that testimony and our own, sufficient to warrant a separation, they do not judge it expedient to declare their approbation of all that the committee have said in defence of the statements of our brethren on one or two intricate subjects, in respect of which it is supposed by some that there is a difference between them and us.

While these resolutions were under discussion, Mr. James Patterson asked and obtained leave of absence, and Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Closed with prayer.

Saturday, October 10.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer—members present as above. Read the minutes of last sitting.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read.

No. 24. A petition from the congregation of Salem, Tennessee, for supply of gospel ordinances, which was on motion, referred to the committee of supplies.

No. 25. The report of the board of managers of the Theological Seminary, which was on motion accepted, and laid on the table.

Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary, beg leave respectfully to report, that at their meeting at the close of the last session, it was ascertained that the following students had attended the lectures, viz : Messrs. Wm. Gallbraith, James Dixon, and George M. Hall, of the 4th year. Messrs. Joseph McKee, James McGill, John M. Scroggs and James Strang, of the 3d year. Messrs. Wm. Y. Hamilton, Robert Forrester, Edward Small, James P. Smart, and Wm. H. Walker, of the 2d year. Joseph T. Cooper, James M. Harsha, Isaac N. Langhead, James Law, and John L. McLane, of the 1st year. Mr. Alexander Tedford, who attended last year, has been removed by death.

All the students except those of the first year, delivered discourses before the Board, which were approved as specimens of improvement. They were all examined at considerable length, on Hebrew and the system of Theology, and acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Board. Messrs. Gallbraith, Hall and Dixon having completed the full term of study, were assigned to their respective Presbyteries for licensure. The Board also judged it expedient to appoint Mr. Strang to be taken on trial for license, although he had not completed his full term. The peculiar circumstances of his case were the reasons of this decision.

By order of the Board.

THOMAS HANNA,
Sec'y.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported on the report of the Presbytery of Ohio, and their report was on motion, accepted and laid on the table.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Miami, reported that having examined said records they find them correct. The report was on motion, accepted.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended for the present, in order to make way for other business.

The request of the Presbytery of Ohio, for a division of said Presbytery, was taken up and granted, the boundary line to be that which is marked out in the report of the Presbytery of Ohio, and on motion it was resolved that the first meeting of the Presbytery of Shenango, be held at Mercer, on the 2nd Tuesday of November next, and that the Rev. D. McLane, sen. preside as moderator.

Proceeded to the order of the day, viz : the election of a Professor.—The clerks were appointed tellers and Messrs. Beveridge, Martin, Donnan and Heron, were put in nomination

After prayer by a brother, the votes were taken and the Rev. Thomas Beveridge was elected on the first ballot. Dr. Ramsay and Messrs. Miller and Hanna were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Beveridge relative to his acceptance.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held at Philadelphia, on the 4th Wednesday of May, 1836, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Sermon at early candle lighting. Mr. Martin was appointed the moderator's alternate, to preach the Synodical sermon.

Messrs Rodgers and John Y. Stuart asked, and obtained leave of absence.

Proceeded with the business left unfinished, viz : the resolutions offered last evening to issue the matter respecting the answers to the reasons of protest against the Synod's deed in the case of the Original Seceders. A question arose on a point of order, viz : whether the protestors and the answering committee are entitled to a part in the discussion now pending.

The Moderator decided this question in the affirmative. An appeal being taken the Moderator's decision was sustained.

On motion, agreed to postpone the order of the day, in order to make way for considering the case of Mr. Donaldson, as adverted to in the report of the Presbytery of Ohio, and this business was on motion made the order of the day for this afternoon. Mr. Isaac obtained leave of absence for this afternoon. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Read the minutes of last sitting. Papers were read informing the Synod of a legacy of £100 sterling, left to the Synod by Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, late of Perth, Scotland. These papers were on motion laid on the table.

Proceeded to the order of the day, viz : the case of Mr. Donaldson.—A paper formerly laid upon the table, as connected with this case was read, viz : the petition from Scroggsfield and Glade-run. After a brief discussion, it was on motion, resolved that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Donaldson proposed to Synod the following enquiry, viz : Whether it is his right to preach without Presbyterial appointment when his preaching will not interfere with any Presbyterial appointment or with the orderly dispensation of ordinances in any congregation? After some discussion the question was withdrawn.

On motion, resolved, that the salary of the Professor of Biblical literature and church history be five hundred dollars per annum, to be paid half yearly out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Adjourned till 9 o'clock, on Monday morning.—Closed with prayer.

Monday, October 12.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above, together with Dr. Bruce, minister, and Mr. William Bell, ruling elder, both from the Presbytery of Alleghany. James Harper in the room of John Craig. Frederick Whitely in the room of Hanse Dunlap, and John Gilmer in the room of Joseph Brownlee. Read the minutes of last sitting. An excuse for the absence of the Rev. A. Whyte was offered and sustained.

A communication from the associate session of the congregation of Pittsburgh, inviting the Synod to hold its next meeting in that city was read, and on motion, laid on the table. Notice was given that at next meeting of Synod a motion will be made to set aside the practice which

has hitherto obtained of meeting alternately on the east and west of the Alleghany mountains.

On motion, Resolved, That a preacher be appointed to officiate as a stated supply in the second congregation of New-York, till otherwise ordered. Mr. James Dixon was appointed accordingly.

On motion, Resolved, That the territory of Michigan be added to the missionary ground of this Synod, and that a missionary be appointed to labor in that district for some time. The committee of supplies were instructed to attend this business.

The following resolutions were offered for consideration, and on motion, laid on the table, viz :

Whereas this Synod is now spread over so great an extent of territory that all the members cannot, without great inconvenience and expense, meet in any one place, and that our numbers are so increased as to render it difficult to overtake the business of Synod at one meeting—

Resolved, That it is expedient to divide this Synod into three Sub-Synods, as follows, viz :—

1st. The Presbyteries of Cambridge, Albany, Philadelphia and Stamford, to compose the Eastern Synod.

2d. The Presbyteries of Charters, Alleghany, Ohio and Chenango, to compose the ——— Synod.

3d. The Presbyteries of Muskingum, Miami and Carolina, to compose the ——— Synod.

Resolved further, That a general Associate Synod, composed of two ministers and two ruling elders from each Presbytery, meet once every two years.

Resolved further, That the decisions of the Sub-Synods be final, except in matters of doctrine, in which only, appeals be allowed to the General Synod.

Resolved further, That the Theological Seminary, General Missions, the revision and publication of the Testimony and Book of Discipline, and all overtures respecting any subject of general interest to the church, be under the care of the General Synod.

Proceeded with the business left unfinished on Saturday, viz : the resolutions respecting the answers to reasons of protest in the case of the Synod of Original Seceders. After some discussion the resolutions were withdrawn, and Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above, except that William Hervey attended in the room of James Hanna. Robert Jeffry in the room of Thomas Jeffry. John Stewart in the room of Thomas Roseburgh. John M'Call in the room of Samuel Livingston, and Hugh M'Clelland in the room of James Thorne. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for there was given in and read,

No. 26. The report of the Presbytery of Alleghany which was, on motion referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

Report of the Presbytery of Alleghany.

We, as a Presbytery, enjoy the blessings of peace and harmony among ourselves, as ministers, and in our congregations. Blessings for which we have great reason to be thankful, in these days of ecclesiastical contention; and religion seems to be revived in our small vacancies this fall, by the dispensation of Gospel ordinances.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. John P. Dickey and his congregation was dissolved at our last meeting. When he went to Ireland, as reported last year, for his health; he left a paper containing the resignation of his charge in the hands of a member of the congregation, and on the presentation of it to Presbytery, the pastoral relation was dissolved.

We hope Synod will consider these things as reasons for affording us our proper share in the ministry of our travelling preachers.

With regard to the answers to reasons of protest partly read in Synod last year, and published to the world for information, we have to repeat that we think it cause of regret that they were printed by the authority of Synod, without a careful examination. There are statements made in these answers, which, we think, no one acquainted with the principles of our church, could hear attentively without suspecting them to be inconsistent with our profession.

For example: in the 49th page there is a formal quotation from our Testimony, in the following words, "the civil magistrate is bound to promote the faith of Christ, to oppose the enemies of this faith, to support and encourage true godliness, to discourage whatever, in principle or practice, is contrary to it, and to judge who are the professors of the true religion." Who would think, on hearing the above quotation read, of ever finding it in the testimony of our church uttered in behalf of the magistrate's official obligation? Our late contentings with the Reformed Presbyterian Synod respecting their unjust plan of making quotations from our testimony, should have prevented such a new exhibition of our principles to the public. This part of their answers is of a piece, we think, with the charge of irreligion brought against our civil government for prohibiting ecclesiastical establishments; and of a piece with the reasoning that we were in communion with the Constitutional Presbytery, even when that Presbytery was in a state of separation from the General Associate Synod; and that we were in communion with this new Synod, united under their new testimony, previous to any decision of ours about that testimony. We hope that, as the resolution of Synod brought to light this publication, they will examine it without delay, and prevent the public from considering it as a document having the authority of our church.

By order of Presbytery.

JOHN HINDMAN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Proceeded with the business left unfinished in the forenoon sitting, viz: The consideration of the answers to the reasons of protest in the case of the Synod of Original Seceders. A motion to adopt the answers was the subject of considerable discussion.

Before taking the vote on the above motion, the moderator having decided on a question of order that the protestors have not a right to vote. An appeal was taken from the decision, and when put to the vote was sustained. Against this decision a protest was taken by Dr. Ramsay and Messrs. Miller, Martin, Walker, E. N. Scroggs, Isaac J. Scoggs, Lindsay, Templeton, McElwee, Banks, Beveridge and Geery. Mr. Hanna craved his dissent to be marked.

The question was then taken on the above motion, viz: "Adopt the answers or not," and carried "not adopt," by a vote of 40 to 2. The protestors, with one exception, declined voting.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, October 13.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. Read the minutes of last sitting. Mr. Miller was, on motion, added to the committee on the funds, and Mr. Murray to the committee of supplies. Papers being called for the following were given in and read, viz:

No. 27. The report of Daniel Houston, Treasurer, which, with the accompanying documents was, on motion, referred to the committee on the funds.

Report of Daniel Houston, Treasurer.

<i>Daniel Houston, Treasurer, in account with Associate Synod's Fund,—</i>			
	<i>Dr.</i>		
Sept. 23, 1834, to balance in Treasury on all funds,	\$80 02½	Jan. 30, from Peter's Creek cong.	10 00
Sept. 24, to cash from Cadiz con. per Rev. T. Hanna,	15 00	31, to Mr. Calahan's recpt. for lumber from James McNary,	20 00
Sept. 24, cash from Piney Fork, per Rev. T. Hanna,	8 50	Jan. 31, to Mr. Calahan's recpt. for laths from William Anderson,	8 00
Sept. 24, cash from Carmel cong. Indiana, 24, from Unity cong.	10 43	Jan. 31, to saving on Mr. Calahan's bill in spacing joists in Seminary,	10 00
Oct. 11, from Jas. Sterling, per Rev. Mr. McElwee,	1 00	March 10, by Rev. D. Thompson, from Bavino cong. New-York,	10 00
Oct. 11, from Mr. Leiper, by Mr. McElwee,	1 00	March 14, from treasurer of Chartiers' con.	60 66½
28, from Syn. by the hand Dr. Ramsey	334 62½	24, Unity con. per Rev. J. Walker,	33 41
28, from Margret Moore, int. on legacy	1 00	25, N. Buffalo cong. contri.	10 00
Nov. 5, from Chartier's cong. Seminary fund, per Dr. Blunday,	75 00	25, from Ligonier cong.	5 00
Nov. 11, from Liganier con. per Rev. J. Scroggs,	12 00	26, from Tumblesan's Run cong.	10 00
Nov. 15, from Allen Cassils by Mr. Langhead	10 00	26, from S. Buffalo cong. contri.	8 82
18, from Jane, John, Robert & Ezekiel Lyons, and Isaac Boghart,	2 50	26, from Buffalo cong. subscription,	15 00
Nov. 20, from Dr. Ramsay, int. on James Saxon's legacy,	18 00	27, from Service & King's Creek con.	14 00
Nov. 23, from Ligonier congregation,	26 00	April 10, by Rev. J.P. Miller \$200, one hundred of which is interest on Elener Henry's legacy, the balance on James McDougal's donation,	200 00
Jan. 7, 1835, from Chartier's con.	22 50	April 19, from Deer Creek cong.	5 18
		May 9th, from Caneaut, Chery Run and French Creek congs.	10 62
			\$1080 96½

	Dr.		Dr.
Amount brought forward.	\$1060 94	7, from Hebron cong.	9 00
May 9, to amount of brick from J. Cochran	560 93	7, two years' int. Mary J. Whiteside's	18 00
25, from Dr. Ramsay on loan, it being		legacy,	
Mr. James Paxton's legacy,	300 00	Oct. 8, from Rev. James Patterson, per Rev.	6 62
June 22, from Liberty con. per Mr. Ramsay	9 00	T. Kendall,	25 00
July 1, from Mercersburgh and M'Conels-	22 00	Oct. 8, from S. Argyle cong. contribution	12 00
burgh cong.		8, from Putnam cong. do.	8 50
July 1, from Mr. Carother, esq. (G. Sande-		8, from Hebron cong. do.	25 00
son's legacy to Theological Sem.) after		8, from S. Argyle cong.	10 00
deducting Mr. Carother's fees for colic.	1741 56	8, Darlington & Bethel cong. contri.	10 00
July 1, to note on Harrisburgh, Carlisle &		8, Albany cong. per Rev. J. Martin.	10 00
Chambersburgh Turnpike Company in		8, from West Beaver cong.	2 37
part of George Sanderson's legacy,	60 61	8, from James M'Kinzey, donation,	5 00
The above sum does not amount to the bequest nam-		8, from Erasmus Els, do.	5 00
ed in Mr. Sanderson's will to Seminary, but includes		8, from Matthew Adams, do.	5 00
all G. Sanderson's personal estate after deducting pre-		8, from Robert Cows, do.	5 00
vious bequests and expenses of settlement, which will		8, from Rev. E. N. Scroggs, do.	5 00
be seen by referring to an accompanying paper marked		8, from Slippery Creek cong. contri.	3 00
No. 1.		8, from Rev. A. Murray's cong.	30 00
The title papers to about 300 acres of land in Erie		8, from Wm. Fraser, (service cong.)	6 00
County, Pennsylvania, were received at the same time,		8, from Rev. William McElwee,	5 00
the present situation, and probable value of which may		8, from Rev. J. Ramsay for Testi. sold	6 12
be seen by an accompanying letter, marked No. 2.		8, from Berachah, Concord, & Glade	
July 4, from Mrs. Jane Barcraft, Lees-		Run cong.	6 46
burgh, Ten.	2 00	Oct. 8, from Salem and Shenango cong.	
July 4, from Miss Eliza Alexander, Ten.	1 00	per Rev. D. McLean, sen.	44 00
4, from Miss Susan Alexander, Ten.	0 25	Oct. 9, from C. Webster for sales of Testi-	
4, from Miss Mary Alexander, Ten.	0 25	monies, per Rev. J. Martin,	23 39
4, from Bigspring & Pistol Creek		Oct. 12, from King's Creek cong. per Mr.	
congs. Ten.	6 00	Harper,	10 00
July 4, from S. M'Kinley, Knoxville, Ten.	2 00	Oct. 13, from S. Buffalo cong. contri.	10 00
8, from Rev. William Wilson,	60 00	12, from N. Buffalo cong.	10 00
27, to balance of window springs,	0 75	12, from Monteuire's cong.	6 00
Sept. 9, from Johnstown con. per Mr. Smart	9 31	12, from Pittsburgh cong. per Mr. Bell	20 00
Oct. 6, from Rev. T. Beveridge for Teste-		12, Indiana cong. per Rev. D. Blair,	22 00
ments sold,	10 00	12, Pigeon Creek cong. per B. Boyd,	7 00
Oct. 6, three qurtly col. from Phila cong.	33 12	12, Mt. Pleasant cong. per Rev. A.	
8, from Wm. Morris, Baltimore, dona.	44 00	Donnan,	15 75
8, from Guinston and Lower Chance-		Oct. 12, from Nobletown and Ohio cong.	
ford congs.	19 00	per Mr. Heed,	15 00
Oct. 6, from Henderson cong. per Rev. J.		Oct. 14, from Rev. D. Thompson,	10 00
Adams,	20 00	14, from Glade Run cong. for 1833-34,	8 25
Oct. 6, from Caesar Creek cong. per Rev.		14, Glade Run cong. for 1835,	6 00
A. Heron,	10 00	14, New Bethel cong. for 1835,	6 00
Oct. 6, from Xena Cong. Synod's fund, per		15, from S. M'Cune Mt. Hope cong.	2 00
Mr. J. Hamil,	20 00	15, from Margaret Moore, int. on M.	
Oct. 6, from do. do. Hall fund,	55 00	Moor's legacy,	1 00
8, from Massie's Creek cong. per Mr.		Oct. 15, rec'd from Cambridge cong. cont.	13 55
Rough,	20 00	Oct. 15, rec'd Wm. Stevenson & wife, Cam-	
Oct. 6, from Tumelsans Run cong. per Mr.	4 18	bridge, cong.	11 45
Calhoun,			
Oct. 6, from Deer Creek cong. per Rev. J.	10 00	Oct. 15, 1835, amount of monies received	
Ramsay,		since last report,	\$4984 26
Oct. 6, from Mrs. Nancy Cowden, Deer			
Creek cong.	6 00		
Oct. 6, from Barnet cong. Vermont,	20 12		
6, from Cadiz cong.	20 00		
6, from Mount Pleasant cong. Ohio,	11 12		
7, from collec. for Hall, Salem cong.	10 00		
7, from Unity cong.	10 00		
7, from John Bishop, Mission. fund.	5 00		
7, from James M'Dougal, in part of			
donation made in Books by the hand of			
Rev. J. P. Miller,	6 00		
Oct. 7, from Jefferson, Piney and Cherry			
Run congs. per Rev. M'Caryl,	7 28		
Oct. 7, from Deer Creek cong. per Rev. J.			
Ramsay,	6 00		
Oct. 7, from A. Roseburgh in full for Testi-			
monies sold,	22 50		
Oct. 7, from Burgetstown cong. collection,	9 00		
7, from William M'Craken,	1 00		
7, from Bloomfield cong.	18 75		
7, cash from Dr. B. Thompson,	2 00		
7, from Robinson cong. per J. Pollock	7 00		
7, Londonderry cong.	11 00		
7, from William and John Auld,	1 43		
7, from East Nottingham cong.	4 15		
7, from Sugar Creek cong. Syn. fund	10 00		
7, from Sugar Creek cong. Hall fund	80 00		
7, from Mansfield cong.	3 75		
7, from Clearcreek cong.	7 35		
7, from Burnett's Creek, cong.	5 00		
7, from Pleasant Run cong.	3 31		
7, from Carmel cong.	7 68		
7, from Big Creek cong.	11 00		
7, from Cherokee cong.	3 00		
7, from Darby cong.	2 30		
7, from Ligonier cong.	8 00		
7, from Piney Fork cong.	7 00		
7, from R. Hanna, esq. Cadiz,	8 00		
7, from Francis Grove, Cadiz,	1 00		
7, from a friend of Secession Church,			
to be applied to missionary purposes, in			
five equal annual payments, with inter-			
est thereon,	100 00		
Oct. 7, from E. Cook, Cambridge, N. Y.	20 00		
			\$1941 52

Amount brought forward,	\$1941 52	Oct. 5, paid for stove, pipe and hailing,	37 75
July 1, paid postage, &c.	0 43	Oct. 7th, paid Henry Havelin, shovel and	
July 1, Expenses of Treas. to Carlisle,	45 00	poker,	1 50
1, paid for copy of court verdict in		Oct. 10, paid Rev A. Heron,	101 00
Sanderson's case,	1 50	12, paid Dr. Ramsay in full of salary	
July 6, paid Mrs. Jane Carson in full,	131 90	to end of session, last March,	400 00
17, paid J. Calahan in full for Semina-			
ry building,	520 75	Oct. 15, Treasurer claims Cr. for payment	
July 17, paid Paul Harsha in full for oven,	32 40	as per account exhibited,	3218 63
July 27, paid for putting springs in win-			
dows in Seminary buildings,	4 31	Oct. 15, 1835, Balance in Treasury,	\$1705 63
Sept. 2, paid postage,	0 56	DANIEL HOUSTAN, Treasurer.	

From a hasty glance it appears that the cost of lot, Seminary buildings, stable, carriage house, coal house, fencing lot and yards, well, pump, grates, paling garden, smokehouse, stove, desk, chair, benches, shovels, pokers, &c. is \$6398 and 60 cents, all of which is paid. D. H.

By order of the Board of Trustees, the undersigned committee have examined the foregoing report, with the accompanying papers and statements, and find it to be correct.

ROBERT HENDERSON, } Committee.
D. S. STEVENSON, }

No. 28. A memorial from the Rev. H. Kirkland, which was, on motion, referred to the Presbytery of Alleghany.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Chartiers, reported that having examined said minutes, they found them correct. The report was, on motion, accepted.

Proceeded with the business left unfinished last evening, viz: the answers to reasons of protest, &c. A motion was made to reconsider the vote of last evening, sustaining the appeal from the moderator's decision regarding the right of the protesters to a vote. It was agreed to reconsider, and the question was again taken on the original appeal from the moderator's decision. After a free discussion the vote of last evening was reversed.

The question was then taken on the motion to adopt the answers to the reasons of protest, and was carried "not adopt" by a vote of 39 to 19.

On motion, Resolved, That the appeal from the Presbytery of Albany, noticed in the report of said Presbytery, be made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above, except that Nathaniel M'Dowel attended in the room of James Patterson. Read the minutes of last sitting. Mr. McClelland asked and obtained leave of absence for this afternoon.

The memorial of Mr. Kirkland mentioned in the minutes of the foregoing sitting, as referred to the Presbytery of Alleghany, was by said Presbytery referred back to Synod. Wherefore it was, on motion,

Resolved, That said memorial be referred to a select committee to report thereon, and Messrs. M'Lane, senior, Irvine and Beggs, were appointed said committee.

Proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the appeal of Messrs. Stark and Bullions from the decision of the Presbytery of Albany, declaring it to be censurable according to the word of God and the discipline of this church, for a minister of the Gospel to enter a civil suit against a member of his own communion for a supposed injury to his moral character, without first having submitted the matter to the adjudication of the appropriate church court.

The reasons of protest with the Presbytery's answers were read. At this stage of the business, its progress was arrested by the following resolution which was offered, and after discussion adopted, viz: "Moved that it is inexpedient to decide upon the abstract question proposed by the

Presbytery of Albany, inasmuch as there may be a diversity of circumstances in different cases, and no particular case is before Synod."

Against the decision adopting the above resolution Messrs. Martin and S. Hindman protested for reasons to be given in.

On motion, Resolved, That the Presbytery of Albany have leave to withdraw the papers in this case. Against this decision Messrs. Miller, Martin and S. Hindman, entered their protest.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Beveridge relative to his acceptance of the professorship reported that he agrees to accept the appointment.

The report of the Treasurer of the Bible Society was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Report of the Treasurer of the Bible Society.

<i>T. Beveridge to the Bible Society of the Associate Church.</i>		<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Oct. 1834, Bibles to Albany,</i>	<i>Contra,</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Oct. 1834, cong. of Salem,		\$30 00	do. to Salem,		\$15 40
Nov. 24, J. L. Porter, Lewistown,		10 84	Nov. 24, J. L. Porter, Lewistown,		30 00
July 23, 1835, Wm. Graham, Holmesburgh,		1 00	Jan. 32, 1835, to Baltimore,		10 80
Oct. 8, rec'd from a friend, by Mr. Patterson,		2 00	May 12, Bibles for Canada,		19 65
8, cong. of Derby, by Rev. J. Wallace,		3 00	do. for Western mission,		50 00
8, cong. of Cherokee, do.		3 00			50 00
11, cong. of Caesar's Crk. by Rev. A. Heron,		7 50			\$175 85
11, West Hebron, by Rev. A. Anderson,		47 50	Balance in the Treasurer's hands,		127 48
14, cong. of Salem,		10 00			
Balance by last report,		191 63			\$303 43
		\$303 43			

T. BEVERIDGE, Treasurer.

Resumed the business left unfinished in the forenoon.

The following preamble and resolution were offered for discussion, viz:

"Whereas the answers to reasons of protest against the act declaring our union with the original Seceders in Scotland, are not adopted by the Synod, it is moved to appoint another committee to answer said reasons."

The consideration of this resolution and of the business with which it is connected, was, on motion, postponed till to-morrow morning.

Entered on the consideration of an appeal by the Rev. Joseph Banks, laid on Synod's table last year, against a decision of the Presbytery of Ohio, inserting a certain addition in their minutes at a subsequent meeting to that at which the minutes had been approved, which addition the appellant considered as affecting a cause in which he had been concerned before Presbytery. The reasons of protest and their answers were read, and the parties heard and removed, and the Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer—members present as above, together with Mr. John France, minister, from the Presbytery of Alleghany.

The minutes of last sitting being read, Mr. Hanna claimed the privilege of joining Mr. Martin and others in their protest taken last evening against the Synod's decision, in giving the Presbytery of Albany leave to withdraw the papers in the case of protest and appeal.

Proceeded with the business left unfinished last evening, viz: the appeal of Mr. Banks. The remarks of members of Synod were taken at some length, and the question was put, sustain the appeal or not, and carried sustain.

The draught of an act for a fast was read, and after some correction adopted.

An Act for Fasting.

So long as the church is in her wilderness state, encompassed with enemies, and sanctified but in part, it will not be difficult to find substantial reasons for fasting and humiliation.

It is evident from the word of God, that there is an observation and intelligence of the events of the times, which is closely connected with the knowledge and perform-

ance of our duty, and that this understanding of the times is especially needful to those who are placed as watchmen on Zion's walls.

"The children of Issachar, it is said, were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." Such an understanding of the signs and events of the times is necessary to determine the special duties to which God calls us in our several places. It is recommended in scripture and the want of it severely reprov'd. Thus Isaiah says "In that day did the Lord God of Hosts call to weeping and mourning and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth. But behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep." In similar language does our Lord reprove the unbelieving Jews. "Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

From the present aspect of Divine Providence, it is evident the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of this land, the reason of this controversy it becomes us carefully to search out. A spirit of insubordination to good and wholesome laws prevails to an alarming extent, in these United States. This spirit manifests itself in trampling on all law, and setting the civil authorities at defiance, and tends to the wildest anarchy and confusion. May we not justly deprecate the prevalence of such an evil, as foreboding the complete subversion of our civil institutions.

The growth of both practical and avowed atheism, and the increase of infidelity is doubtless one leading cause of God's controversy. We enjoy all the advantages of Divine revelation—have the means of knowing God and his will, which in infinite sovereignty are decreed to many nations, yet many are saying "Who is the Lord that we should obey him? We know not the Lord, neither will we obey his voice."

Gross ignorance of the scriptures, and wilful neglect of the means of information, whilst contributing to the growth of infidelity, are signs of God's wrath. Though great and laudable exertions are used for disseminating the oracles of truth, yet it may be said of many, as God says of the Jews, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

As another cause of God's controversy with us, may be mentioned the gross profanity which abounds, both with respect to the name of God and his holy Sabbath. The evidences of this are too plain and palpable to be denied. Because of swearing, the land mourneth. This includes not only the common profanation of God's name in conversation, but all irreverent uses of that great and fearful name, in lawful oaths, as also all profanations of it by unlawful and extra-judicial oaths, such as are practised by the society of Free-masons; and it is matter of lamentation that so much countenance is given by many of the Reformed churches to this latter abomination, by retaining in their fellowship, those who are involved in its guilt, and have given no proper evidence of repentance.

The profanation of the Sabbath, an iniquity, in some instances decreed by law, and the general disregard of the sanctity of that day, calls loudly for deep humiliation and mourning. In connexion with this it may be observed, that covetousness, fraud and lying, are so connected with the commercial dealings of men, and so interwoven with their daily pursuits as to demand our serious notice.

One particular, which embraces a train of attendant evils deserves a prominent place among our reasons of fasting, we mean the execrable crime of slavery. God in his providence, seems to be opening the way for the diffusion of light on this iniquitous traffic, and to be calling the attention of the inhabitants of this land to a contemplation of its abominations. Yet, notwithstanding the obvious immorality of slavery, it still exists, and that too, in the church of Christ. An evil which disgraces our national character, ought surely to be repudiated by the church. In vain do we fast and pray, unless we "loose the bands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free," for whilst a sin so glaring is persisted in, our repentance can only resemble that of Pharaoh, who cried out, "I have sinned," but would not consent to liberate the oppressed Israelites. Were it not that men's worldly interest is involved in this traffic, and prompts them to desire its continuance, we cannot but think all would, with one voice, condemn it as grossly repugnant to the law of God and the rights of men.

The rapid increase of Popery, and the favor with which many Popish superstitions are regarded by some Protestant churches forms another reason for fasting and humiliation. From the acknowledged character of Popery, and its avowed principles, it is evident that its prevalence to any great extent, must prove the subversion of our civil and religious liberty. It is therefore, a matter of humiliation that so many Protestants instead of testifying against this mystery of iniquity, in all its forms, are gradually falling in with many of its superstitions, and countenancing their observance. The increase of error in doctrine, together with a latitudinarian spirit in practice and the consequent evil of laxness in church discipline in many of the Reformed churches, are alarming evidences of the backsliding state of Zion. "How is the gold become dim and the most fine gold changed!" The glory of the Reformation is obscured; the vain speculations of a blinded understanding and perverse heart, are in many instances substituted for the simplicity of gospel truth, and the extravagant inventions of men, for the pure ordinances of Christ. A corrupt system of doctrine, which flatters the pride

of the human heart, and detracts from the glory and riches of free grace, finds many advocates; and a cold indifference to many precious truths of God's word, under the deceitful garb of a spurious charity, prevails to an extent which may well alarm those whose hearts tremble for the ark of God. The time has come "when men will not endure sound doctrine, but heap up to themselves teachers having itching ears."

When we turn our attention to our own particular branch of the church, we find much to lament and deplore. God has given us "a banner to be displayed because of the truth," and we are united under the common bond of a testimony for its defence. But alas, we have not been valiant for the truth, in proportion to its worth; ignorance of the distinguishing principles of God's word and our witnessing profession prevails; ministers are not sufficiently diligent in teaching them to the rising generation, and parents too often omit, or superficially perform this necessary branch of duty. The scriptural zeal in behalf of God's cause, which distinguished our fathers in the purer ages of the church, has degenerated with us, into lukewarmness or a cold formality; and though we adhere to the external forms of duty, yet it is to be feared that much of the life and power of Godliness is gone. A time-serving worldly spirit is evident both in ministers and people; mutual jealousies, personal contentions, "emulations, wrath, strife, envying," and such like evils, seem to have supplanted the fruits of the Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness.

Though we have the means of grace in great abundance, yet we may justly adopt the lamentation of the prophet, "my leanness, my leanness, woe unto me." We have reason to fear that, in many instances the duties of secret and family devotion, are either totally neglected, or irregularly performed.

For these and such like aggravated evils, it becomes us to weep, and cry to God to vert deserved strokes of judgment. May he not justly say of us "you only have I known of all the families of the earth, therefore I will punish you for your iniquities." Let us humble ourselves because of our abominations, and with weeping and with fasting, and with supplication, return unto the Lord our God. Let us search into the causes of God's wrath, that by seasonable repentance, they may be removed. Let us pray for the special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the church at large, and this witnessing branch of it, in particular. Let us seek the fulfillment of the precious promises of his word, which respect the purity, prosperity and glory of the church, "when the envy of Ephraim shall depart and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off, when Ephraim shall not envy Judah and Judah shall not vex Ephraim," "and when there shall be nothing to hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain." Then "shall her peace be as a river and her righteousness as the waves of the sea."

The 2nd Thursday of January, 1836, was appointed as the day of fasting.

Messrs. Isaac and Walker were appointed a committee to prepare the draught of an act for a fast, to be laid before the Synod at its next meeting.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to explain the nature of the duty of fasting, and the scriptural manner of its observance. Dr. Ramsay and Mr. Beveridge were appointed said committee.

On motion, resolved that the Presbytery of Philadelphia, be authorized to present to Mr. Wm. Galbraith, the call from Lewistown, before the expiration of his probationary year, it being understood that Mr. Galbraith shall fulfil Synodical appointments till the end of his probationary year.

On motion, resolved, that whatever calls are already reported, or may be in train for Mr. John S. Easton, be transmitted to the Presbytery of Albany, with orders to present them.

Resumed the business left unfinished last evening, viz: the resolution for appointing a committee to answer the reasons of protest in the case of the Associate Synod of Original Seceders. The resolution, after a brief consideration, was adopted and Messrs. Adams, Templeton, and Wallace, were appointed a committee to answer said reasons.

Various resolutions were then offered in order to issue the whole business respecting the Synod's act. Wherefore, it was on motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all these resolutions with instructions to mature and report this afternoon—Messrs. Martin, Hanna, Beveridge and Dr. Bruce, were appointed said committee.—Adjourned till 2 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer—Members present as above. Read the minutes of last sitting.

The committee to which had been referred the memorial of Mr. Kirkland, presented a report which was read and on motion laid on the table.

The committee of supplies presented a scale which being read, was on motion laid on the table.

A majority of the committee appointed in the forenoon on the subject of our connection with the Associate Synod of Original Seceders reported a resolution which after a full discussion and slight amendment was adopted and is as follows:

"Resolved, that while this Synod do not see ground to rescind the act passed at Philadelphia, in 1832, in relation to the Original Seceders in Scotland, yet we consider it proper to declare that in said act it was not intended formally to approve of their Testimony respecting the magistrate's power *circa sacra*, and national covenanting; and while we still agree on the ground of this act, to continue in communion with them, yet for the above reason, and also as it is necessary that we should have a distinct Testimony adapted to our peculiar circumstances, and that all who stand in the same relation to these circumstances should unite in that Testimony, we judge that this act sufficiently warrants us to require that all ministers and members emigrating from that Synod into our bounds, should declare their adherence to our Testimony in order to church fellowship with us."

On the adoption of the above resolution Dr. Bruce and Messrs. Mc-Lane, Blair, Clokey, and Wm. Wilson, declared that they withdrew their protests.

On motion, the resolutions relating to Sub-Synod's, lying on the table, were made the order of the day for to-morrow forenoon.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Oct. 15.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above, except Mr. Donaldson, absent without leave.

The minutes of last sitting being read, Messrs. Donan, A. Wilson, and France, craved it to be marked that they withdrew their protests and its reasons, for the sake of peace.

On motion, the committee appointed yesterday, to answer said reasons of protest, were dismissed.

On motion, the report of the committee of supplies was re-committed.

Mr. J. Hindman craved the privilege of recording his dissent from the Synod's decision of last evening, in reference to our connection with the Associate Synod of Original Seceders.

The committee on the funds presented a report which was on motion, adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Funds.

The committee on the funds beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the documents submitted to them, and find in the hands of Mr. D. Houston, treasurer, a balance of \$1765.63½; in the hands of Mr. Murphy, treasurer, at Philadelphia, including Synod and Missionary funds, the sum of \$87.19; in Students fund \$264.

From the document, accompanying Mr. Houston's report, it appears that the tract of land in Erie county, Pa. containing 300 acres, bequeathed to this Synod, by the late George Sanderson, deceased, is supposed to be worth twenty-one hundred dollars—with respect to other things, connected with the funds of Synod, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. That all the papers connected with the legacy of Mrs. Whitesides, of North Carolina, be committed to the Board of Trustees, and that they be directed to take measures for securing the payment of said legacy to Synod's treasurer.

2. That the claim of Rev. John Wallace for missionary services, on the western

mission, amounting to \$12.25 cents, be allowed, and that the treasurer be directed to pay said claim.

3. That the sum of one hundred dollars, being the rent agreed upon between the Trustees and Mrs. Jane Carson, for the use of the Seminary buildings, (as per article of agreement,) be remitted to Mrs. Carson, in consideration of the claims of the late Rev. David Carson, deceased, on Synod.

4. That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, be authorized to make such an alteration in their agreement with Mrs. Jane Carson, as would allow a deduction of what would be a fair room rent in an unfinished state, for such rooms, in the Seminary as may be occupied by Theological Students, from the rent agreed to be paid by the said Mrs. Carson, and that the amount of this deduction be made up to her in money. Further, that it shall be the duty of the Trustees, to see that rooms thus allowed to students be properly taken care of.

5. That the paper relative to a legacy of Peter Fenton, late of New York, deceased, be handed over to the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS HANNA.
J. P. MILLER.
JOSEPH HAMILL.

The committee of Bills and Overtures presented a report on the report of the Presbytery of Alleghany, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

Proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the consideration of the resolutions lying on the Synod's table, in relation Sub-Synods, and, on motion,

Resolved, That said resolutions be transmitted to the several Presbyteries belonging to this Synod, with orders to report thereon at next meeting.

Resolved further, That the several Presbyteries be required to report their views on the propriety of the Synod's meeting by delegation with out a division into Sub-Synods.

Mr. M'Kitrick asked and obtained leave of absence.

Entered on the consideration of the report of the select committee on the memorial of Mr. Kirkland. A motion to adopt the report being under consideration, the following substitute was offered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the case of Mr. Kirkland be re-committed to the Presbytery of Alleghany, with instructions to deal with him in order to his restoration according to their views of truth and duty, from the evidence that may be before them.

The select committee on the report of the Presbytery of the Carolinas presented a report, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

The committee on slavery presented a report. While a motion to adopt said report was under discussion, Dr. Bruce and Messrs. Wm. Wilson and M'Gill, obtained leave of absence, and Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock.—Closed with prayer.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. Read the minutes of last sitting. Mr. France petitioned Synod to be disconnected, together with his congregation, from the Presbytery of Alleghany, and annexed to the Presbytery of Shenango. The petition, after some discussion, was granted.

The report of the Committee of Supplies was taken up, and being amended, was adopted.

Scale of Appointments.

Rev. Robert Lang and Rev. Peter Bullions, in Presbytery of Albany, till next meeting.

Rev. A. Whyte, sen. Cambridge till next meeting.

Rev. John Donaldson, Muskingum, November, December; Shenango, January, February; Stamford, March, April.

Rev. James Lyle, Miami till next meeting.

Thomas Ferrier, Chartiers, October; Mr. Hindman's cong. November, December; Alleghany, January; Muskingum, February; Miami, March, April, May.

S. McLean, Philadelphia, October, November; Monroe, Va. December, January, February; Miami, March, April, May.

John Wallace, Alleghany, October; Ohio, November, December; Muskingum, January, February; Alleghany, March; Chartiers, April, May.

John S. Easton, Albany, October, November, December; Stamford, January, February; Muskingum, March, April, May.

James Patterson, Philadelphia, October; Monroe, Va. November; Carolinas, December, January, February; Philadelphia, March, April, May.

H. Blair, Philadelphia, October, November, December, January; Albany, February, March; Philadelphia, April; Alleghany, May.

D. Thompson, Alleghany, October, November; Ohio, December; Mr. Hindman's cong. January, February; Muskingum, March; Ohio, April, May.

Wm. Galbraith, Cambridge, October, November; Philadelphia, December, January, February; Albany, March, April; Cambridge, May.

James Dixon, Albany, October, November, December, January; Philadelphia, February, March; Albany, April, May.

G. M. Hall, Cambridge, October; Stamford, November; Muskingum, December, January; Miami, February, March, April, May.

D. Strang, Ohio, October; Stamford, November, December, January, February; Cambridge, March, April, May.

The Rev. S. Hindman was, on motion, appointed to itinerate as a missionary for four months, in the Territory of Michigan, and the north-west part of Ohio, and the Synod made the following appointments to supply his pulpit, viz: Mr. Ferrier, Nov. and Dec., and Mr. D. Thomson, Jan. and Feb.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was, on motion, laid on the table till next meeting, and ordered to be published in the minutes.

Report of the Committee of Missions.

The committee of Missions beg leave to report as follows.—

It cannot, indeed, be denied that the circumstances of this church are different, in some respects, from those of other churches around us. We have a less number of ministers in proportion to the number of vacant congregations dependent upon Synod for the supply of Gospel ordinances. While others are able to occupy every spot of ground where they have a call from members of their own communion, and at the same time have many in the ministry who are destitute of fixed charges and unable to obtain them; we appear unable in many instances to supply the demands of destitute congregations, without appropriating to this purpose part of the labors of our fixed pastors.

Yet it must, on the other hand, be conceded that the number of our efficient men in the ministry in proportion to the whole, may well compare with that to be found, perhaps, in most other denominations. It is likewise obvious, that with us the number of ministers has increased, and this increase nearly kept pace with the increase of demand for their labors. It may be well, moreover, to consider the import of that scripture, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." We are not always to delay the attempt to perform a commanded duty until we find ourselves in the best circumstances, and possessed of all the necessary means to perform it. "Who will roll away for us the stone from the sepulchre?—And when they came, they found the stone rolled away; for it was very great." The recent establishment and organization of our Theological Seminary, is calculated to inspire us, in reliance on the divine blessing, with the hope of increasing facilities, in respect to ministerial force, for conducting with success an enterprise of the kind now contemplated. And the present encouraging, although not flattering, state of your funds, together with the evident ability of our people to augment them, for reasonable and pious purposes, if proper inducements be offered them, by a call from Synod for new means, in order to secure a new and important end, should not be underrated or overlooked, in forming an estimate of our resources for meeting the demand of missionary expenses.

We do, therefore, humbly conceive that it is the duty of Synod at this time, when a wider and fairer field for evangelical exertion presents itself, than has been heretofore offered, to institute with a prospective view to future action, a train of operation expressive of the sincerity and faith of our hearts, in our daily prayer, "Thy kingdom come." Let our plan of operation be devised, and preparative measures taken as early as may be, and yet a considerable time, it is evident, must elapse before we can carry such plan into effect.

We beg leave, therefore, to offer the following resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That a special and distinct fund be instituted by this Synod, to be termed the Missionary fund, and to be, like other funds belonging to Synod, managed by Synod's Treasurer, subject always to the order of Synod, or to a committee of missions, appointed by them; and that all monies contributed to this fund by collection, subscription, donation, or bequest, and also all monies accruing to said fund from the sale, rent, or proceeds of lands, tenements, stocks, or other property donated, conveyed, quit-claimed and released, demised, willed, or bequeathed, shall be appropriated and applied by this Synod, to the purpose of outfitting, sending forth, and supporting of missionary laborers, among some of the heathen nations or tribes, and to no other purpose, according to the true intention of the donors.

2. Resolved, That this Synod shall appoint annually a committee of missions, to consist of ——— ministers, and as many ruling elders, whose duty it shall be to transact all business relating to the missionary interest, not otherwise disposed of, or provided for by Synod, and to report to Synod at each of its meetings.

3. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this committee, so soon as practicable, after being appointed, to make enquiry for, and to report to Synod, such ministers, probationers, and students ready for licensure, as may be considered by them competent to discharge the work of a missionary, and are found willing to embark in the same, in order that such persons may be by Synod appointed, and sent forth, being, if necessary, first ordained by some Presbytery, according to Synod's direction.

4. Resolved, That the first missionary effort shall be directed to some part of ———, according as the committee of missions shall direct; and that two or more ministers of the word, aided by one or more suitable teachers, shall be sent thither as soon as practicable; and that it shall be the duty of the persons thus sent, to report to the committee of missions, their progress and success, as often as they may have convenient opportunity.

5. Resolved, That ——— copies of the above preamble and resolutions, accompanied with an appropriate address to our people on the subject of missions, be published for gratuitous distribution, and that the pastors of congregations be required to read the same to their respective congregations, and to endeavor to raise subscriptions or collections for the missionary fund.

Reasons of protest by Messrs. S. Hindman, Martin, Miller and Hanna, in which Messrs. Beveridge and J. Scroggs concurred, against Synod's decision of yesterday, giving leave to the Presbytery of Albany to withdraw their paper in the case of the appeal by Messrs. Bullions and Stark, were read, and Messrs. Adams and Blair were appointed a committee to answer said reasons.

The committee appointed to review the records of the Presbytery of Ohio, presented a report, which being read, was, on motion, accepted and laid on the table.

Resumed the business left unfinished in the former sitting, viz: the report of the committee on slavery. After a free discussion, the consideration of the first resolution in the report, was, on motion, deferred till next meeting of Synod. Against this decision Messrs. Walker and Martin entered their protest for reasons to be given in. Messrs. Templeton and Wallace were appointed a committee to answer said reasons.

The 2d and 3d resolutions in the report were adopted.

Report of the Committee on Slavery.

An act having been passed by the Associate Synod, in 1831, prohibiting the holding of slaves by members of our communion, and it appearing from the report of the Presbytery of the Carolinas, that something of this evil still continues to exist in the congregations under their care, it is recommended by the committee that the following resolutions be adopted.

1. Resolved, That it was not the intention of Synod by the provisions appended to said act, to set aside, in any measure, the obligation of the act itself, but only to suggest to our brethren of the slave holding states, certain ways by which its purpose might be carried into effect; and as it appears that these provisions have not been so understood, they are hereby rescinded.

2. Resolved, That the Presbytery of the Carolinas be required to report to the next meeting of Synod, whether any, and if any, what measures have been adopted by them to carry into force the aforesaid act.

3. Resolved, That the Synod sincerely sympathise with their brethren in slave hold-

ing states, and will continue to favor them with supply so far as is found practicable and consistent with the safety of their missionaries.

JAMES MARTIN,
T. BEVERIDGE,
J. P. MILLER.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to address our brethren in the south on the subject of slavery, and also to enquire what can be done to aid such as are endeavoring to free themselves from this evil, and report to next meeting of Synod. Messrs. Miller, Martin and Anderson were appointed said committee.

On motion, Mr. Wm. S. Young, of Philadelphia, was appointed agent for the sale of Testimonies, in the room of Mr. Beveridge, resigned, and Mr. D. M. Hogan, of Pittsburgh, in the room of Adam Sheriff.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to answer the letter from the Synod of Original Seceders. Messrs. Martin and Miller were appointed.

On motion, Resolved, That the Moderator be directed to affix his signature to the Instrument transmitted from Scotland, as a discharge to the Executors of the Estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, for the legacy bequeathed to this Synod by the said Testatrix.

Adjourned till half-past 6 this evening.—Closed with prayer.

Half-past 6 P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. Read the minutes of last sitting.

The appeal of the Rev. D. Gordon, referred to in the report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, was, on motion, taken up.

Reasons of protest with the answers were read. Said protest was laid against a decision of the Presbytery of Cambridge adopting the report of a committee of the whole, which report Mr. Gordon alleged terminated without inflicting any censure in a case in which the Rev. D. Stalker was defendant.

The question was taken "Sustain or not," carried unanimously, "not sustain."

On motion, proceeded to the election for Board of Trustees for the Theological Seminary for the ensuing year. The following were elected, viz: Rev. A. Donnan, Matthew M'Nary, esq. Rev. Thomas Beveridge, William Bell, D. French, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, D. S. Murdock, Rev. Alex. Murray, David Scott, esq. Daniel Houston, Dr. D. S. Stevenson, and Robert Henderson.

On motion, proceeded to the election of the Board of Managers for the ensuing year; and the following were elected, viz: Messrs. Donnan, Alexander Wilson, French, Walker, Blair, Hanna and Clokey.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board of Managers, together with the Professors, be directed to appoint a Librarian, and draught a system of rules for the regulation of the Library.

On motion, resolved, that an annual sum, not exceeding \$100 be appropriated to the increase and improvement of the library, under the direction of the Professors and the Board of Managers.

The report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on that part of the report of the Presbytery of Miami which regards the Students of Theology, was called up.

A motion to adopt the report, after some discussion was withdrawn, and the report was, on motion, laid on the table.

The following resolution was offered, and after some discussion adopted, viz:

Resolved, that it is the standing rule of this Synod that Students of The-

ology be required to attend the lectures at the Theological Seminary four regular sessions.

Whereas, it frequently happens that the usual enquiries respecting the observance of appointments and decisions of Synod, are never made of absent members,

Resolved, that it is the duty of Presbyteries to see that the appointments and decisions of Synod be duly observed in their bounds respectively, and that the reports of Presbyteries supercede the usual enquiries of Synod.

At the request of the members of the Presbytery of Alleghany, Messrs. Murray, Imbrie, and McElwee, were appointed to meet with said Presbytery to aid them in the case of Mr. Kirkland.

Reasons of protest against the deed of Synod in reference to publication of marriage, with the answers, were called up, and on motion ordered to lie on the table till next meeting.

On motion, resolved, that the Minutes be published in the Religious Monitor. Three hundred extra copies ordered, and the expense to be defrayed from the Synod's funds.

On motion, the Synod went into Committee of the whole, on the subject of the Bible Society, the moderator in the Chair.

When the Committee rose, the following resolutions were reported, and on motion, adopted, viz:

Resolved that S. Young be appointed Treasurer in the room of Mr. Beveridge, resigned.

Resolved, that the following gentlemen be appointed as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:

Messrs. Daniel Murphy, Joseph R. Dickson, Robert Laird, Wm. Morris, and James Geery.

The minutes of the present sitting were read and approved, and after prayer, and singing the 122d Psalm, and the Apostolical Benediction, pronounced by the Moderator, the Synod adjourned, to meet at Philadelphia, on the 4th Wednesday of May, 1836, at 4 o'clock P. M. Sermon at 7.

ANDREW HERON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
James Adams,.....	Massies Creek,.....	Xenia,.....	Green,.....	Ohio.	97	210
Nath. Ingles,.....	{ Burnetts Creek,.....	Burnettsville.....	Carrol.....	Ind.	30	58
	{ Pleasant Run,.....		do.....	do	29	60
James Templeton,...	Sugar Creek,.....	Centreville.....	Montgomery.....	Ohio.	50	120
Samuel Wilson,.....	Xenia,.....	Xenia.....	Green.....	do	72	170
	{ Bellefontaine,.....	Cherokee.....	Logan.....	do	25	60
James Wallace,.....	{ Darby,.....		Union.....	do	23	60
A. Heron,.....	Caesar creek,.....	Jamestown.....	Green.....	do	40	108
James C. Bruce,.....	Henderson,.....	Monmouth.....	Warren.....	Illin's	58	160
James M. Henderson,	{ Carmel,.....	Smockville.....	Jefferson.....	Ind.		
	{ Clarke,.....		Clarke,.....	do		
	{ Pistol Creek,.....	Maryville.....	Blount.....	Ten.		
Thos. S. Kendall....	{ Big Spring,.....		do.....	do	70	158
	{ Fork Creek,.....		Monroe.....	do		
	Racoon,.....	Russelville.....	Park.....	India.		
	Bloomington,.....			do		
	Otter Creek,.....			do		
	Big Creek,.....			do		
	Madison.....	Madison.....	Jefferson,.....	do		
	Princeton,.....	Princeton.....	Gibson,.....	do		
	Salt River,.....			Ky.		
	Salem,.....			Tenn.		
Vacancies,.....	Limestone,.....			do		
	Rocky Spring,.....	Abingdon.....	Washington.....	Va.		
	Apple Creek,.....			Illin's		
	Sugar Creek,.....			do		
	Unity.....			do		
	Buffalo,.....			Mo.		
	Mount Prairie,.....			do		
	Sharon,.....			do		
	Auxvasse,.....			do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
John Walker.....	Unity.....	New Athens.....	Harrison.....	Ohio	90	209
Samuel Irvine.....	{ Salt Creek.....	Fredericksburgh	Wayne.....	do		
	{ Millersburgh.....			do		
Thomas Hanna.....	Cadiz.....	Cadiz.....	Harrison.....	do	76	155
	Piney Fork.....		Jefferson.....	do	45	100
Daniel McLane.....	Bloomfield.....		Muskingum.....	do	103	221
	Cambridge.....	Cambridge.....	Guernsey.....	do	19	41
	Mount Pleasant.....		Jefferson.....	do	33	60
Joseph Clokey.....	McMahon's Creek.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Belmont.....	do	32	60
	Belmont.....		do.....	do	45	77
Andrew Isaac.....	Londonderry.....	Londonderry.....	Guernsey.....	do	65	160
	Sharon.....		Harrison.....	do	17	38
	Mansfield.....	Mansfield.....	Richland.....	do	25	57
Samuel Hindman.....	Clear Creek.....		do.....	do	18	41
	Washington.....		Marion.....	do	44	93
	Truro.....	Reynoldsburgh.....	Franklin.....	do	28	60
David Lindsay.....	Jonathan's Creek.....		Perry.....	do	17	17
	Goshen.....		do.....	do	8	15
	Carmel.....		Tuscarawas.....	do		
Thomas Wilson.....	Sandy.....		Carroll.....	do		
	North Union.....	Carrollton.....	do.....	do		
	Wooster.....	Wooster.....	Wayne.....	do		
	Newman's Creek.....		do.....	do		
	Mohican.....		do.....	do		
	Killbuck.....		do.....	do		
Vacancies.....	Paris.....		Richland.....	do		
	Bucyrus.....		Crawford.....	do		
	Clear creek.....		Guernsey.....	do		
	Claysville.....		do.....	do		
	Jacksonville.....		Wayne.....	do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Andrew Stark.....	New-York 1st.....	New-York.....	New-York.....	N. Y.	160	275
James Irvine.....	New York 2d.....	New York.....	New York.....	do	70	180
James Martin.....	Albany.....	Albany.....	Albany.....	do	70	153
Peter Campbell.....	Florida.....	Schenectady.....	Schenectady.....	do	42	140
John G. Smart.....	Johnstown.....	Johnstown.....	Montgomery.....	do	19	40
John Graham.....	Bovina.....	Bovina.....	Delaware.....		82	158
Vacancies.....	{ Troy.....	Troy.....	Rensselaer.....	N. Y.		39
	{ Newark.....	Newark.....		N. J.		
Without charge.						
Robert Laing.....						
P. Bullions.....						
Thomas Ferrier.....						

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STAMFORD.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
John Russell.....	Stamford.....	Queenston.....		U. C.	35	70
James Strang.....	Dumfries.....	Galt.....		do		170
	{ York.....	York.....	Livingston.....	N. Y.		45
Vacancies.....	{ Esquising.....			U. C.		
	{ London.....			do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHANY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Robert Bruce.....	Pittsburgh.....	Pittsburgh.....	Alleghany.....	Penn.	150	320
John Dickie.....	Rich-Hill.....	Kittanning.....	Armstrong.....	do		
Joseph Scroggs.....	Fairfield.....	Ligonier.....	Westmoreland.....	do	100	150
David Blair.....	Indiana, &c.....	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	do		300
	{ Cherry-Run.....		Armstrong.....	do		350
James M'Carrell.....	{ Upper Piney.....		do.....	do		
	{ Mahoning.....	Glade Run.....	Indiana.....	do		65
John Hindman.....	{ Berachab.....		do.....	do		
	{ Concord.....		do.....	do	25	60
	{ Lower Piney.....		do.....	do	8	30
Vacancies.....	Blairsville.....		do.....	do	15	50
	Jefferson.....		Jefferson.....	do		
	Bethel, &c.....	Freeport.....	Alleghany.....	do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CHARTIERS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Wm. Wilson.....	{ Monteur's Run.....	Clinton.....	Alleghany.....	Penn.	40	140
	{ Robison.....		Washington.....	do	42	150
Thomas Allison.....	{ Mt. Hope.....	W. Middletown.....	do.....	do	46	114
	{ Cross Creek.....		Brooke.....	Va.	26	61
James Ramsay.....	Chartiers.....	Cannonburgh.....	Washington.....	Penn.	122	330
David French.....	{ N. & S. Buffaloe.....	Washington.....	do.....	do	110	240
	{ Mt. Pleasant.....	Hickory.....	do.....	do	105	220
Alex. Donnan.....	{ Burgetstown.....		do.....	do	85	180
Alex. Wilson.....	Peter's Creek.....			do		
Wm. M. McElwee.....	Service & King's Creek.....	Frankfort.....	Beaver.....	do	116	264
J. Rodgers.....	{ Noblestown.....		Alleghany.....	do	50	
	{ Ohio.....	Economy.....			70	
Bankhead Boyd.....	Pigeon Creek.....	McCullough's.....	Washington.....	do		
T. Beveridge.....	Washington.....	Washington.....	Washington.....	do		
Vacancy.....	Tumbleson's Run.....				31	53

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
David Imbrie.....	{ Darlington.....	Darlington.....	Beaver.....	Penn.	60	140
	{ Bethel.....		do.....	do	70	150
Alex. Murray.....	{ Mountville.....	Portersville.....	Butler.....	do	70	140
	{ Slippery Rock.....		do.....	do	80	150
Elijah N. Scroggs.....	{ West Beaver.....		do.....	do		
	{ West Union.....	New Lisbon.....	Columbiana.....	Ohio.	75	150
	{ 4 Mile Square.....		do.....	do		
Day. Goodwillie.....	{ Poland.....	Poland.....	Trumbull.....	do	67	139
	{ Liberty.....		do.....	do	79	115
Wm. Donthet.....	{ Milton.....	Warren.....	Trumbull.....	do		
	{ Palmyra.....		Carroll.....	do	8	
	{ Newton.....		do.....	do	18	87
Joseph Banks.....	{ Northfield.....		do.....	do		
	{ Stow.....		do.....	do		
	{ Springfield.....		do.....	do		
James P. Ramsay.....	{ Deer Creek.....	New Bedford.....	Mercer.....	Penn.	103	210
	{ Yellow Creek.....					
Vacancies.....	{ Scroggsfield.....	Scroggsfield.....	Carroll.....	Ohio.	70	150
	{ Glade Run.....					

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CAROLINAS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
A. White, jr.....	{ Steel Creek.....	Charlotte.....	Mecklenburg.....	N. C.	27	60
	{ Bethany.....				28	63
Horatio Thompson.....	{ Ebenezer.....	Lexington.....	Rockbridge.....	Va.		
	{ Timber Ridge.....	do.....	do.....	do	62	
	{ Broad Creek.....		do.....	do		
	{ Nob Creek.....	Wilsons.....	Lincoln.....	N. C.		
	{ Pisgah.....		do.....	do		
	{ Bethany.....	Yorkville.....	York.....	S. C.		
	{ Sardis.....		Union.....	do		
	{ New Stirling.....	Saatsville.....	Iredel.....	N. C.		
	{ Cambridge.....	do.....	do.....	do		
	{ Creek.....	Morgantown.....	Burke.....	do		
Vacancies.....	{ Cochran's Vale.....	Old Fort.....	do.....	do		
	{ Piedmont.....	Franklin.....	do.....	do		
	{ New Lebanon.....	Union.....	Monroe.....	Va.		
	{ Sharon.....	Yorkville.....	York.....	S. C.	23	167
	{ Tirzah.....	do.....	do.....	do	48	102
	{ Smyrna.....	Chester.....	Chester.....	S. C.		59
	{ Little River.....	Youngs.....	Fairfield.....	do		
	{ Bethel.....	Winsborough.....	do.....	do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Alex. Bullions.....	Cambridge.....	Cambridge.....	Washington.....	N. Y.	131	370
James P. Miller.....	Argyle.....	Lake P. O. N. Y.....	do.....	do	120	300
A. Gordon.....	Putnam.....	Putnam.....	do.....	do	48	105
T. Goodwillie.....	Barnet.....	Barnet.....	Caledonia.....	Vt.	80	200
Wm. Pringle.....	Ryegate.....	Ryegate.....	do.....	do	46	89
D. Gordon.....	Salem.....	Salem.....	Washington.....	N. Y.	50	80
D. Stalker.....	North Argyle.....	Noth Argyle.....	do.....	do		110
A. Anderson.....	Hebron.....	West Hebron.....	do.....	do	72	157
Without charge.						
A. White, sen.						

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SHENANGO.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Daniel McLane,....	{ Venango,.....	Hart's x roads, ..	Crawford,....	Penn.	200	500
John France,	{ Salem,.....	.....	.....	do	60	200
	Glade-Run,.....	Bakerstown,....	Butler,.....	do	26	83
Isaac Beggs,.....	{ Mercer,.....	.....	Mercer,.....	do	48	110
	Springfield,....	.....	do	do	56	126
	Rocky Spring,....	.....	do	do	25	50
Mathew Snodgrass, ..	{ Coneaut,.....	Meadville,.....	Crawford,....	do	32	30
	French Creek,....	.....	do	do	20	80
	Cherry Run,.....	.....	Venango,....	do	22	70
Alex. Boyd,.....	{ New Castle,....	New Castle,....	Mercer,.....	do	20	43
	Neshannock,....	.....	do	do	25	45
William C. Pollock, ..	{ Mount Prospect, ..	.....	do	do	80	120
	Harmony,.....	Harrisville,....	Butler,.....	do	55	100
	Unity,.....	.....	do			

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
F.W. M'Naughton, ..	{ Mercersburgh,	Mercersburgh, ..	Franklin,.....	Penn.	.....	102
	McConnellsburgh, ..	do	do	do		
W. Easton,	{ Octorara,.....	Georgetown,....	Lancaster,....	do	50	150
	Muddy Run,.....	do	do	do		
John Adams,.....	{ E. Nottingham,....	N. Lond. x rds., ..	Chester,.....	do	42	113
	Guinston,.....	.....	York,.....	do	20	54
A.T. McGill,.....	{ Lower Chanceford, ..	.....	do	do		
	Carlisle,.....	Carlisle,.....	Cumerland,....	do		
Without charge,	{ Wheatfield,.....	.....	Perry,.....	do		
Tho. B. Clarkson, ...	{ Dickinson,.....	.....	.....	
Vacancies,.....	{ Baltimore,.....	Baltimore,.....	Baltimore,....	Md.		68
	Lewistown,.....	Lewiston,.....	Mifflin,.....	Penn.		
	Philadelphia,.....	Philadelphia,....	Philadelphia, ..	do	86	173

SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING TABLES.

	Ministers.	Congregations settled and vacant.	Families.	Communicants.
PRESBYTERIES.				
Cambridge.....	9	8	547	1431
Carolina,.....	2	20	193	436
Ohio,.....	7	19	690	1431
Chartiers,.....	10	15	843	1752
Miami,.....	9	31	493	1164
Philadelphia,.....	5	13	198	660
Alleghany,.....	6	13	298	1325
Muskingum,.....	9	30	665	1395
Albany,.....	9	8	383	976
Shenango,.....	6	14	679	1557
Stamford,.....	2	5	85	285
Ministers itinerating.....	12			
Total.	86	176	5023	12412

There were two or three members of Synod present whose names are not given in the list of members in attendance; they must have been omitted in transcribing.

ART. II. Jubilee of the Reformation at Geneva.

We copy from the London Record the following speech, delivered by the Rev. John Hartley, of the church of England, in the assembly of deputies convened in Geneva on occasion of the Jubilee of the Reformation. Mr. Hartley, for the last three years, has officiated as chaplain to the English congregation in Geneva. "It was a noble spectacle," says the

Record, "to see the Rev. Mr. Hartley, an ordained clergyman of the church of England, stand up in the midst of such an assembly, and bear so clear, so unqualified, so bold, and so judicious a testimony to the fundamental truths of the gospel, which these unhappy men had forsaken and repudiated."—*N. Y. Observer*.

"Gentlemen—I am not a deputy from the Church of England, but I have no doubt but I shall express the sentiments of our church in general. I appeal to its future judgment for all that I shall advance. And if I occasion pain in any quarter, be assured I give much more pain to myself. If any one suffer, I suffer myself more acutely. But it is a crisis of the Protestant churches in which we ought to suffer. I should question if that man were a Christian who did not suffer at such a moment as this. What then is our faith in this nineteenth century? Gentlemen, we believe in England; 1st. That man is so corrupt and so fallen from divine favor, that he is condemned to everlasting death. 2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is God over all, blessed forever, in the most absolute sense of the term. 3d. We believe the personality and the divinity of the Holy Ghost. 4th. We believe in justification by faith; that man is justified by faith without any merit of works, by the merits of Jesus Christ. 5th. We believe, that if there be true faith, there will of necessity be good works; if there be no works there is no true faith. 6th. We believe in regeneration by the Holy Ghost, and that the true Christian is a man so renewed by the influence of the Holy Spirit; that it is his highest pleasure to live for the service of Jesus Christ in the world, that for him religion is not a disagreeable burden, but the charm and glory of his existence.

"Such is my faith! Such is my religion! This is the faith of the English! This is the religion of England!

"I must proceed. But, gentlemen, I intreat pardon for the boldness of my expressions. I am sincerely attached to Geneva. When I return from a journey, and find myself on this side of Jura, and catch a view of the Saleve and the Lake, "there," I exclaim, "is my country!" I respect you, also gentlemen. I have the honor to be acquainted with some amongst you, and I consider it a sign of honorable conduct on your part, that you allow me to express myself so freely. It is, in fact, well known how much the English are attached to Geneva. Judge then, of our sorrow, when we apprehend that Geneva is removing to a distance from us, on that subject, the most important in the world, religion! The majority of the pastors of Geneva have renounced these great truths which I have just rehearsed; we are now exceedingly distressed on this account. These doctrines are no longer taught in the University of Geneva; we are in consequence, deeply afflicted. The right hand of fellowship has been given during this jubilee to the Rationalists of Geneva, and to the Unitarians of England and America; we feel the most poignant sorrow at this event.

"To us, gentlemen, these truths appear of such high importance, that in renouncing them, the church seems to have plunged herself into an abyss deeper—or at least is plunging herself into an abyss deeper than that of the Church of Rome! The Church of Rome, 'tis true, has buried beneath a mass of abuses and errors, these great doctrines; still they exist in some form or other; but in taking away these truths, you take away the very foundation of Christianity, you leave us nothing but a doctrine of morals. It is no longer a religion of salvation; it is nothing but a system of ethics.

There is still a subject on which I must offer some remarks; I mean on Confessions of Faith. Gentlemen, I declare before you all, perish ten thousand times all the Confessions of Faith in the world, the instant they are made to occupy the place of the Bible. The question before us is not that of Confessions of Faith, but it is that of the faith itself. Differ-

ent opinions exist amongst the most orthodox persons on the method of making use of Confessions of Faith. It is a very inferior topic. But I protest in the face of Europe, it is the doctrines of the Bible, and nothing else, which are at stake! We believe that the Bible has a meaning, but of what use is the Bible if we dare not declare what it means?

"I concluded my speech by a prayer of this description:

"O my God! pour out thy Holy Spirit on this city of Geneva, on its pastors, and on all the Protestant churches in the world! May the Spirit enlighten our minds, renew our hearts, and advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout the earth; that in this great day of religious revival, we may all arrive at the same faith, and at true charity, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen."

Such was the substance of what I said; I cannot give the expression, as I spoke extempore. I felt it my duty to speak thus strongly on Confessions of Faith, as it has appeared evident to me that continual efforts have been made to darken the subject at issue. The orthodox are represented as contending for the old Roman Catholic principle of human authority in matters of faith, because they appreciate good confessions, whilst the others pretend to be standing up for the exclusive authority of the Bible. Hence it was of the utmost importance to show that the two subjects are perfectly distinct; and that momentous as may be the question, how we are to make use of creeds and formularies, even this inquiry can never enter into comparison with the most weighty of all considerations which can occupy the mind of a human being. What must I do to be saved?

With the most cordial wishes of God's blessing on your labors,

I remain, Sir, your's very sincerely,

JOHN HARTLEY.

Geneva, Sept. 1, 1835.

ART. III. *Luther's opinion of the Psalms.*

"Where do we find a sweeter voice of joy than in the Psalms of thanksgiving and praise? There you look all the saints in the heart, as in a beautiful garden, as into heaven itself; whose delicate, sweet, and lovely flowers are springing up there, of all manner of beautiful, joyous thought towards God and his goodness! And again, where do you find deeper, more mournful and weeping words of sorrow, than the plaintive Psalms contain? There again you look all the saints in the heart; but as into death, yea, as into hell, where it is all dark and gloomy, from all manner of melancholy apprehensions of God's displeasure? I hold that there never has appeared on earth, and never can appear, a more precious book of examples and legends of saints, than the Psalter is. For here we find not merely what one or two holy men have done, but what the head himself of all the saints has done, and what all the saints do still. How they feel towards God, towards friends and enemies; how they behave and sustain themselves in all dangers and sufferings. Besides, all manner of divine and statutory instructions and commands are contained therein. Hence, too, it comes, that the Psalter forms, as it were, a *little book of all saints*, in which every man, in whatever situation he may be placed, shall find Psalms and sentiments, which shall apply to his own case, and be the same to him as if they were for his own sake, so expressed, that he could not improve them himself, nor even wish them, better than they are.

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